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Thursday, September 1st 1796.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named persons vizt:—

Henry McDonald, who was convicted of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to a servitude at hard labour for six months, and fined five dollars with Costs of suit &c.

John Means, who was convicted of Horse Stealing, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Lancaster, to a servitude at hard labour for one year and fined fifty pounds, with Costs of suit &c.

Elizabeth Blander, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the last mentioned Court, to a servitude at hard labour for one year and fined three pounds with Costs of suit &c.

Oliver Hazard, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to a servitude at hard labour for one year and pay a fine of Eleven pounds, five shillings with Costs of Suit &c.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of Casper Schneider junior of the Office of surveyor of a certain part of the township of the Northern Liberties under an Act of the General Assembly, passed the seventeenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety five; and thereupon in compliance with a respectable recommendation Matthew Huston was appointed to succeed him in the said Office by a Commission which was in the words following to wit:—
Pennsylvania sst:

{ the Great Seal
of the
State }

In the Name and by the Authority of
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Thomas Mifflin Governor of the said
Commonwealth.

To Matthew Huston of the County of
Philadelphia

Tho. Mifflin

Whereas in and by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the seventeenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, entitled, "An Act to authorise the Inhabitants of the Northern Liberties, within certain described parts thereof, to regulate the Streets, Lanes and Alleys, within the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned," the Governor is

authorised to appoint three Surveyors for the purposes in the said Act specified: And whereas in pursuance of the power and authority given and granted in and by the said recited Act of Assembly, Robert Brooke, John Keen and Casper Schneider junior, on the third day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, were appointed Surveyors of the said district of the Northern Liberties; but the said Casper Schneider, hath since resigned the said appointment, and his resignation hath been accepted Now therefore, know you, that in pursuance of the said authority, I have appointed, and by these presents I do appoint you the said Matthew Huston, a Surveyor, in conjunction with the said Robert Brooke and John Keen for the purposes in the said Act specified.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the first day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and of the Commonwealth the twenty first.

By the Governor. A. J. Dallas, Secr.

A Pardon was granted to Sarah Weaver, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to a servitude at hard labour for one year and to pay a fine of two pounds fifteen shillings, with Costs of suit &c.

The proposal of the Inspectors of the Health Office to publish some information respecting the existence of a malignant fever in Charlestown South Carolina received the approbation of the Governor.

Friday September 2^d 1796.

Upon application and recommendation in favor of Godfrey Wyland, the Governor this day appointed him to be a Watchman to take care of the State-House with the buildings adjoining and appertaining thereto and also the State Treasury in the room of Andrew Bearsticker deceased.

Tuesday September 6th 1796.

Joseph Bird was, this day, appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Southwark, in the County of Philadelphia, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Neal

McDavitt for keeping Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday September 7th 1796.

A licence to travel with one Horse within this Commonwealth for one year was granted to Gregory McCarer upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia and Bond given according to law.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Joseph Mulharron upon being convicted of fornication and bastardy in the County of Berks was this day remitted by the Governor.

The appointment of John Wells Esquire to be Deputy Surveyor of the County of Somerset (except only that part which is included in the district of Alexander McClean Esquire) by the Surveyor General was this approved by the Governor who accepted Robert Erwin of the City of Philadelphia, and Jeremiah Jackson of the County of Northumberland as sureties from whom a Bond was taken in due form.

Monday September 12th 1796.

Two Commissions were this day issued one to John Wood as Captain, and one to John Ettress as Ensign of the sixth Company in the first Regiment of the Delaware County Brigade of Militia a return made according to law.

Wednesday September 14th 1796.

Two Acts of Incorporation were this day presented to the Governor certified by the Attorney General and the Judges of the Supreme Court to be lawful—One of them of the Union Society of Cordwainers of the City and Liberties of Philadelphia;—and the other of them “The true Republican Society of Philadelphia for the relief of the sick or otherwise disabled members of the said Society in the City and Liberties of Philadelphia, agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, passed the sixth day of April 1791, entitled, “An Act to confer on certain Associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic in law;” and the same received the approbation of the Governor, and thereupon

were transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of the said Commonwealth, to be inrolled at the expense of the applicants agreeably to the said Act of Assembly.

Thursday September 15th 1796.

An Act for the Incorporation of the African Episcopal Methodist Church of the City of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth called Bethel, was this day presented to the Governor certified by the Attorney General, and the Judges of the Supreme Court to be lawful according to the true intent and meaning of the Act of the General Assembly, passed the sixth day of April 1791, entitled, "An Act to confer on certain associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic in law;" and the same received the approbation of the Governor; and thereupon was transmitted to Matthew Irwin Master of the Rolls of this Commonwealth to be inrolled at the expense of the applicants agreeably to the said Act of Assembly.

Commissions were issued to Edward Scott as Lieutenant Colonel of the second Regiment of the Philadelphia City Brigade and to David Thompson as Ensign of the fourth Company in the same Regiment of the said Brigade upon a Return made according to law.

Friday September 16th 1796.

An Act for the Incorporation of the Philadelphia Society for the relief assistance and information of persons emigrating from foreign countries, was presented to the governor certified by the Attorney General and by the Judges of the Supreme Court to be lawful, according to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General Assembly, passed the sixth of April 1791, entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic in law," and the same received the approbation of the Governor and; thereupon was transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of this Commonwealth to be inrolled at the expense of the applicants agreeably to the said act of Assembly.

Information of and Escheat to the Commonwealth of some personal Estate in the County of Philadelphia by the death of Peter Curley, otherwise called Corley of the City of Philadelphia Mariner, who died interstate without heirs or known

kindred was given to the Governor and a copy of the same was immediately furnished to the Escheator General.

Five Commissions were this day issued to the following named Officers of the Militia of the Philadelphia City Brigade.

Second Regiment.

Robert Brobson Lieutenant of the first Company.

John Leaky—Lieutenant	}	of the third Company.
John Murphey—Ensign		

John Knox—Captain	}	of the fifth Company.
William Huckle—Lieut.		

James Cannan—Captain of the eighth Company.

Saturday September 17th 1796.

The resignation of Thomas W. Hiltzeimer as one of the Auctioneers of the City of Philadelphia was this day received and accepted by the Governor; and thereupon Peter Benson Esquire was appointed and Commissioned an Auctioneer in and for the City of Philadelphia in the room of the said Thomas W. Hiltzeimer; and John Barclay and David Lapsley were accepted as sureties for the said Auctioneer, and a Bond was executed in due form accordingly.

The Resignation of Robert Brook Esquire of the Office of Surveyor of part of the Northern Liberties under an Act of the General Assembly passed the seventeenth day of April 1795, was this day presented to the Governor and accepted.

Monday September 19th 1796.

Upon the representation of the Attorney General in favor of a certain Joseph Richardson charged with forging a promissory note in the name of Charles French instructions were issued to him to enter Noli Prosequi in favor of the said Richardson if there shall appear no legal objection.

Abner Leacock was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Pitt in the County of Allegheny in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Associate Library Company of Philadelphia County was this day presented to the Governor, certified by the Attorney General and the Judges of the Supreme Court to be lawful according to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General

Assembly, passed the sixth day of April 1791, entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic in law," and the same received the approbation of the Governor; and thereupon the same was transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of this Commonwealth to be inrolled at the expense of the applicants agreeably to the said Act of Assembly.

Tuesday September 20th 1796.

The Surveyor General's appointment of Mr Henry Donnell to be a Deputy Surveyor of a district bounded and described as follows Vizt:—Beginning at the nine mile tree standing on the Bank of the North East branch of Susquehanna River thence up the said North East branch to the mouth of Tawandae Creek thence up the line of the purchase of 1768, to the mouth of Lycoming Creek thence up the West branch of the River Susquehanna to the line of Mifflin County thence by the lines of the districts of James Harris and Frederick Evans to the River Susquehanna thence up the west side thereof and the north east branch aforesand to the beginning including part of Northumberland and part of Lycoming Counties was this day approved of by the Governor and John Dunwoody and Aaron Levy accepted as sureties, a bond was accordingly executed in due form.

A licence to follow the employment of a Pedlar and Hawker with one Horse within this Commonwealth was granted to George Specht upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and bond given as the law directs.

Wednesday September 21st 1796

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the first Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia was this day presented to the Governor certified by the Attorney General, and the Judges of the Supreme Court to be lawful, according to the true intent and meaning of the act of General Assembly, passed the sixth day of April 1791, entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic in law," and the same received the approbation of the Governor, and thereupon the same was

transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of this Commonwealth to be inrolled at the expense of the applicants, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the said Act of Assembly.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Pedlar and Hawker with one Horse within this Commonwealth, was this day granted to William Weir, upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Thursday September 22^d 1796.

By direction of the Governor a letter was this day written by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Attorney General, stating for his opinion the following questions. Vizt:—

1st Can the Governor supply a vacancy happening in the Office of the State Treasurer when the Legislature is not in Session.

2^d If the Governor cannot fill the vacancy are there any other legal measures which he can pursue without convening the Legislature to secure and apply the funds of the State, agreeably to the existing appropriations.

Saturday September 24th 1796.

The Opinion of the Attorney General in answer to the questions stated by the Secretary of the Commonwealth on the twenty second instant under instructions from the Governor relative to the Office of State Treasurer was this day received, and was as follows Vizt:—

Philada Sept^r 24th 1796.

“Sir

I have considered the two questions stated in your favor of the 22^d instant.

The eighth Section of the second Article of the Constitution of this Commonwealth, directs that the Governor shall appoint all officers whose offices are established by the Constitution, or shall be established by law, and whose appointment are not therein otherwise provided for.

The fifth Section of the fifth article provides that the State Treasurer shall be appointed annually by the joint vote of the members of both Houses. All other Officers in the Trea-

surey Department may be appointed as shall be directed by law.

I do not find any other part of the Constitution relative to this question.

It appears to me therefore that there is not any constitutional provision for the present case and that the Governor cannot supply a vacancy happening in the Office of State Treasurer, when the Legislature is not in Session.

I do not know that the Governor has any power to apply the funds of the State even agreeably to existing appropriations, but by giving his orders on the Treasurer according to law.

Whether the Legislature ought to be convened is a question of expedience not of law.

It appears to me that the measure you suggested that is to lodge the Warrants with the Bank of Pennsylvania they to advance the money is the most probable mode of relief than can be adopted in the present exigency.

I am, Sir,

sincerely yours

To A. J. Dallas Esqr

Jared Ingersoll.

Mr Ingersoll does not wish that this should be considered as a definitive opinion, as he understands doubts are entertained upon the subject, by Gentlemen of legal talents. He will weigh those doubts, and either affirm or retract, in the course of a few days. In the mean time an arrangement may be made with the Bank.

A. J. Dallas,

24 Sep.

Upon application of Henry Hill, John Clement Stocker, John Leshner, George Green, and Godfrey Gebler (Executors of the Estate of Peter Deshong deceased) all of the City and County of Philadelphia, the Governor this day issued his precept under the less Seal of the State to the Sheriff of the said City and County agreeably to the seventh section of An Act of General Assembly passed the twenty ninth day of September 1787, as follows Vizt:—
Pennsylvania sst:—

In the Name and by the Authority of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
Thomas Mifflin Governor of the said Commonwealth.
To John Baker, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of
Philadelphia Greetings:—

Whereas by a Precept by me heretofore to the Supervisors of the Streets and Highways in the Townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk in the County of Philadelphia, directed bearing date the eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six I did in pursuance of the authority to me by law given require and enjoin them, to open so much and such part of the Road, leading from the District of Southwark to State Island Ferry Road as lies between the Buck Tavern and said Ferry Road; and the same to put in order and keep in repair in the same manner as other Roads within the townships aforesaid are by law to be opened repaired and maintained And Whereas sundry owners of the ground through and over which the said described part of the Road leading from the district of Southwark to the State Island Ferry Road doth pass, to wit, Martin Whilan, John Leshner, Andrew Harris, Henry Hill, John Stocker, Godfrey Gebler Executors for the Estate of Peter Deshong deceased and, George Greene have required that a Precept shall be issued agreeably to the provision in that behalf made, in and by the seventh section of an Act, entitled, "An Act to appoint Commissioners to regulate the Streets Lanes and Alleys in the district of Southwark and to Lay out new streets lanes and alleys therein, for the accommodation of the Inhabitants and to lay out the Roads therein mentioned through the said district and parts of the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk," passed on the twenty ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven. Therefore, I command you, That by the Oaths or affirmations of twelve good and lawful men of your Bailiwick, not having any real estate in the district of Southwark or the townships of Moyamensing and Passyunk, you do enquire what damages the said Martin Whilan, John Leshner Andrew Hanis, and Henry Hill, John Stocker, Godfrey Gebler Executors for the Estate of Peter Deshong deceased and George Green each and every of them will sustain in their respective improvements made before the laying out the said Road, where of the part above described is directed to be opened as aforesaid, and make due return thereof, to me, with all convenient speed, and in so doing you shall in no wise fail, as you shall answer the contrary at your peril.

Given under my Hand and the less Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the twenty fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand

seven hundred and ninety six and of the Commonwealth the Twenty first.

By the Governor:

A. J. Dallas, secretary.

Monday September 26th 1796.

A copy of the opinion of the Attorney General relative to the vacancy in the Office of State Treasury which was received on the 24th instant, was this day, transmitted to John Donaldson Comptroller General who was requested, to confer with Colonel Febiger's Representatives and with the President of the Bank of Pennsylvania, upon the practicability of making such an arrangement as will prevent the public credit and business, from suffering in case a vacancy should continue in the Office of Treasurer till the stated meeting of the Legislature, and to transmit an early report on the subject to the Governor.

Commissions were issued to the following named Officers of the Militia of the County of Dauphin upon a Return made according to law. Vizt:—

First Regiment Light Dragoons, attached to the Regiment of Colonel Thomas Forster.

Archibald McAlister—Captain.

Samuel Elder—Lieutenant.

John Lytle—Cornet.

Light Infantry Company attached to the said Regiment.

William Graydon—Lieutenant.

Matthew Henry—Ensign.

John Umberger—Lieutenant of the sixth Company of foot in the same Regiment.

Tuesday September 27th 1796.

A Pedlars licence, to travel on foot, within this Commonwealth, was granted to John Doyle, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail delivery, for such licence; and Bond given according to law.

Wednesday September 28th 1796.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named persons, Vizt:—

To Charles Hobbes, Isaac Hobbes, Isaac Lewis, Nathan

Lewis and Isaac Braden, who were convicted in Washington County in January 1796, of murder the second degree, and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for five years in the Penitentiary House at Philadelphia &c.

To Thomas Bell, who was convicted of Horse stealing in the county of Berks, and sentenced to three years servitude at hard labour, and fined in a sum equal to the value of the Horse stolen &c.

To Margaret Rhoades, who was convicted of Larceny in the City of Philadelphia in March 1796, and sentenced by the Mayors Court to one years servitude and fined nine pounds with Costs &c.

To John Luke, who was convicted of Larceny in Philadelphia in January 1796, and sentenced by the Mayor's court to a servitude at hard labour for one year and to pay a fine of twenty dollars to the use of the Commonwealth with Costs &c.

To John Kelsor, who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Dauphin, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds, with Costs of Suit &c.

To John Murphy, Enos or Eneas McMullen, and Robert Nichols each convicted in the County of Philada of Keeping Tippling houses, and each fined in the sum of ten pounds to pay to the use of the Commonwealth with Costs &c.

To Joseph Levy, who was convicted of a misdemeanor in keeping a Gaming-house in the City of Philadelphia, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay the use of the Commonwealth a fine of four hundred dollars and to undergo a servitude at hard labour for three months, and to pay the costs of prosecution &c.

To Jesse Gouge, who ws fined in the sum of nine pounds for not performing his toure of Militia duty, in the year 1794, when called thereto agreeably to law.

Friday September 30th 1796.

A Pardon was granted to Abraham Larrimore who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Huntingdon, and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for one year and fined in the sum of twenty four dollars and ninety cents with costs.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed by the court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of York upon his being convicted of an Assault and Battery, was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

The Governor also remitted a fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon a certain William Wilson by the Court of General Sessions, of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, for keeping a Tippling House in the said County.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of John Hendricks of the Office of the Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Elk in the County of Somerset, and there upon appointed Shephat Devire Esquire to be a Justice of the Peace for the said district in his room and stead.

Jonathan Coulton Esquire was appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Pitt in the County of Allegheny.

A Return of the nomination of eighteen Officers of the City of Philadelphia by the Brigade Inspector with the approbation of the Brigadier General was this day received and commissions were signed by the Governor and issued agreeably thereto—Five Commissions were also issued to the Officers of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia for upon a return of the Elections having been held according to law, and one upon the nomination by the Brigade Inspector with the approbation of the Brigadier General of the Militia of that County, Vizt:

The City of Philadelphia Militia Officers nominated as aforesaid, are as follow:—

	Robert Lewis—Lieutenant	} of the third Comp	
	David Walker—Ensign		
	Robert Latimer—Lieutenant		
First Regiment	Jacob Clarkson—Ensign	} of the fourth ditto	
	James Cornish—Captain		
	Benjamin Thomas—Lieut.		
	John Cuthbert—Ensign	} of the sixth ditto	
	James Patterson—Lieutenant		
	Benjamin West—Captain		
3 ^d ditto	John Murphey—Captain	of the fourth	ditto
	Michael Kennedy—Captain	of the sixth	ditto
	James D. Westcott—Captain	of the fifth	ditto
4 th ditto	James Anderson—Captain	of the third	ditto
	Benjamin Lee—Captain	of the fifth	ditto
	Frederick Scheiveihard	of the sixth	ditto
5 th ditto	Peter Gravenstine—Captain	Captain of the first	ditto
	Joseph Clopp—Captain	of the third	ditto
	Michael Hensman—Captain	of the seventh	ditto
		of the eighth	ditto

Officers of the Philadelphia County Militia.

- 5 ditto { Joshua Sullivan—Major of the 2^d Battalion.
 { Thomas Street—Captain of the 7th Company.
2 ditto—Samuel Mechlin—Major of the 2^d Battalion.
1 ditto—Jacob Glause—Captain of the 5th Company
4 ditto—Francis Kirkpatrick—Ensign of the 7th Company.
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Saturday October 1st 1796.

The Attorney General was informed that the Governor upon the application of the prosecutor has deemed it expedient to direct a Noli Prosequi to be entered in the case of the Commonwealth against Richardson on an Indictment for forgery; and he was instructed to make the proper entry on the occasion.

Monday October 3^d 1796.

Information having been received that a certain Langford Herring charged with forgery, for whose delivery up to the Justice of Pennsylvania, a requisition had been made in October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five upon the Executive of Maryland, has been apprehended and imprisoned in the said State, a request was this day made to the Governor of Maryland, that he would be pleased to cause the said Langford Herring to be delivered to Adam Stricker and Richard Hunt of Philadelphia or either of them for the purpose of being brought into this State having jurisdiction of his crime.

Wednesday October 5th 1796.

The Attorney General was requested to enter a Noli Prosequi in the case of the Commonwealth against Cuffee a Negroe (who is indented as a Servant to Mr John D Coxe) if no legal cause to the contrary occurs to him—the prosecutor having made application therefor and with Mr Coxe's giving an assurance that the said Negroe when released shall be sent beyond sea.

At the particular instance and request of the Minister Plenipotentiary of the French Republic the Governor this day directed the Attorney General to enter a Noli Prosequi in the case of the Commonwealth against Mr John Pollard of Philadelphia who has been charged with an assault com-

mitted at the house of the Minister, of which the Minister and Mr Pollard were informed.

Friday October 7th 1796.

A representation from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Philadelphia, was made to the Governor setting forth that Mr Robert Brooke, who on the 17th day of September last, resigned the office of Surveyor of part of the Northern Liberties has now agreed to continue in the said office if the Governor should think proper to re-appoint him thereto: whereupon a Commission was issued to the said Robert Brooke agreeably to the request made as aforesaid.

The Commission is in the words following, to wit:—

Pennsylvania sst

{ The Great Seal of the State Tho Mifflin	{ In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Thomas Mifflin Governor of the said Com- monwealth, To Robert Brooke of the County Montgomery, Esquire, sends Greeting:—
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Whereas in and by an Act of the General Assembly passed the seventeenth day of April, 1795, entitled, "An Act to authorize the Inhabitants of the Northern Liberties within a certain described part thereof to regulate the Streets Lanes and Alleys, within the same and for other purposes therein mentioned," the Governor is authorized to appoint three surveyors for the purposes in the said Act specified And Whereas in pursuance of the above power and authority given and granted by the said Act of the General Assembly three Surveyors of the said district of the Northern Liberties were appointed by a Commission bearing date the third day of June 1795; but one of them hath since resigned the said appointment and the said resignation hath been accepted: Now therefor know you, That in pursuance of the said authority I have appointed and by these presents I do appoint you the said Robert Brooke a Surveyor in conjunction with John Keen and Matthew Huston the two other Surveyors for the purpose in the said, Act mentioned.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the State at Philadelphia the seventh day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and of the Commonwealth the twenty first.

By the Governor:

A. J. Dallas
Secretary

Saturday October 8th 1796.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed, upon Samuel Houston by the Mayor's Court, held in and for the City of Philadelphia, for keeping a Tippling-house was this day remitted by the Governor.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia made a return of an Election of Militia Officers; and Commissions were made out for the Gentlemen named therein according to law, Vizt.

Second Regiment.

John Houston first major

Samuel Lees second major

David Thompson Captain of the first Company

John Kean Captain of the third Company

Tuesday October 11th 1796.

The Governor took into consideration the Act of General Assembly, passed the fourth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, entitled, "An Act to alter and amend the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth incorporating the City of Philadelphia," and thereupon appointed and commissioned Alexander Wilcocks to be Recorder of the City of Philadelphia, and Matthew Clarkson, Reynold Keen, John Barclay, Hilary Baker, Michael Hillegas, Jonathan Bayard Smith, James Ash, John Jennings, Philip Wäger, Joseph Ball John Clement Stocker, Isaac Howell, George Roberts, Robert Wharton and Gunning Bedford, Aldermen of the said City conformably to the Fourth Section of the said Act of Assembly.

A Pedlar's licence to travel on foot within this Commonwealth for one year from this date, was granted to John McLean, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and bond given according to law.

The Secretary wrote a letter to the Recorder and Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia in closing to them their Commissions respectively.

By direction of the Governor the Secretary of the Commonwealth wrote letters to Josiah Harmer Adjutant General of the Militia of Pennsylvania; to Clement Biddle superintendent of the Sales of the lots in the Towns of Erie, Waterford, Warren and Franklin; to the Comptroller and Register Gen-

eral of Accounts of this Commonwealth; to the Secretary, Receiver General and Surveyor General of the Land Office; and to John Hall the late, and William Alexander the present agent of Information to the Governor in the improvement of Roads and River, calling upon them respectively, for a statement of their proceedings in the several Offices aforesaid for the information of the Governor previously to the meeting of the Legislature.

Wednesday October 12th 1796.

The resignation of George Roberts of the Office of Alderman, to which he was appointed on the eleventh instant, was received and accepted by the Governor, and thereupon Nathaniel Falconer was appointed and Commissioned to the said Office in his room and stead.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot within this Commonwealth for one year was granted to Dennis McAleer, upon a recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon George Cummings for keeping a Tippling house in the County of Philadelphia was this day remitted by the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Thursday October 13th 1796.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon John Houston by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, for keeping a Tippling house was this day remitted by the Governor.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia made a return of the election of several Militia Officers and Commissions were made out for the Gentlemen therein named agreeably to law. vizt.

1st Regt.	{ Edward Robinson, Captain	} Sans Culottes
	{ David Irving—Lieutenant	
	{ John Baxter—Lieutenant	
		Comp. of Light Infantry.

An opinion of the Attorney General, relative to the vacancy in the Office of State Treasurer occasioned by the death of Christian Febiger Esquire, was received and was in the words following, to wit:—

Harrisburg October 13th 1796.

"Sir

"I have reflected upon the question, respecting the power

of the Governor, to appoint a Treasurer when a vacancy happens in the recess of the Legislature

I have also conversed with many of the Gentlemen of the law upon the subject. I find the Judges of the Supreme Court are all of opinion that the Governor does possess such power.

A temporary appointment in such vacancy tho' not of absolute necessity is at any rate of great convenience—arrangements of some kind are indispensably necessary, perhaps none can be taken more likely or equally so, to answer the purpose as that by a temporary appointment.

If such appointment is to be made as no express provision is contained in the Constitution it of courses devolves upon the Governor.

Upon the whole I think that the Governor may consider himself as authorised to make such appointment altho', in general the Constitution ought to be observed with very strict construction as to any powers conferred upon either branch of Government.

A. J. Dallas Esquire
Secretary of the Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania.

I am, Sir,
Sincerely Y^{rs}
Jared Ingersoll."

The Govr this day accepted of the resignation of Jos. Ball as an Alderman of the City of Philada. and appointed Alexr. Todd in his room and stead.

Friday October 14th 1796.

It being represented to the Governor, that Henry Speering, Esquire, who was a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Easton, in the County of Northampton, has lately been elected Sheriff of the said County, and that in consequence thereof his Office of Justice of the Peace has become vacant—the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation appointed and commissioned James Ralston Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the said district in the room and stead of the said Henry Sperging.

The several fines which were imposed upon the following named persons were this day remitted by the Governor, vizt:

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon James Edgar by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia, for keeping a Tippling house in the said County.

The fine of twenty shillings imposed upon Mary Spires by the Mayor's Court for an Assault and Battery committed in the City of Philadelphia.

The fine of the value of certain goods stolen by Catherine Greene in the County of Berks, of which she was convicted in the said County, and sentenced to pay the said fine and suffer six months imprisonment at hard labour &c.

The fine amounting to the value of a Horse stolen by Jacob Koch, of which he was convicted in the said County of Berks and sentenced to pay the said fine and suffer five years imprisonment at hard labour.

By direction of the Governor the Secretary of the Commonwealth requested the opinion of the Chief Justice (the Attorney General being out of Town) on the following question: vizt:—Whether the Office of Mayor of the City of Philadelphia can be held together with the Office of Commissioner to settle the Spanish Treaty?

The opinion of the Chief Justice was received as follows, vizt:

Saturday October 15th 1796.

A Return of the last General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, held in the County of Berks, was received and filed; and thereupon the Governor appointed John Christ to be Sheriff and Thomas Wildham Coroner of the said County; and John Graul and Philip Schartz were accepted as sureties for the Sheriff, and George Eckart and Marks Jno. Biddle as sureties for the said Coroner, the said Gentlemen having been approved as such by two Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the said County. Commissions were issued accordingly; and the Recorder was instructed to take the security required of the said Officers by law.

The Governor this day approved and commissioned Patrick Tiernan to be a Justice of the Peace for the district of the Township of Manallen in the County of Fayette in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Upon a report from the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia, the Governor, this day, issued a Proclamation in the words following, to wit:
Pennsylvania sst:

In the name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Tho Mifflin

By Thomas Mifflin
Governor of the said Commonwealth

A Proclamation.

Whereas the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port Philadelphia, have reported to me, that, in their judgement, it is no longer necessary to impose a general quarantine on vessels arriving in this Port, from any of the West India Islands, from New Orleans, or from any Dutch, French, or Spanish Port, on the main.—Therefore I have issued this Proclamation, hereby revoking the Proclamations heretofore by me issued, bearing date the twenty third and twenty ninth days of June, and the twentieth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six; and allowing and permitting all vessels whatsoever, arriving from any part beyond seas to enter the Port of Philadelphia, without being subject to the performance of Quarantine, unless the Resident Physician shall, on visiting any such vessel deem the same to be in a dangerous and sickly state, when such reasonable quarantine shall be performed, as the Inspectors of the Port shall direct and establish.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six and of the Commonwealth the Twenty first.

By the Governor:

A. J. Dallas
Secretary

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Delaware made a Return of the Election of three Militia Officers of the said County; and Commissions were made out for the following named persons, vizt:

Second Regiment.

Jacob Rudolph Captain	} of the seventh Company
George Coffey—Lieutenant	
John Siddens—Ensign	

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Chester made a return of the election of eleven Officers of the Militia of the said County; and Commissions issued to the Gentlemen therein named agreeably to law, vizt:

4th Regiment	{	Isaac Lewis Major of the second Battalion
		Owen Afflick Captain of the fifth Company
		William Couch Lieut.—Ditto—

3d Regiment	Solomon Harlon Captain of the second Comp ^y	
	David Fame Lieutenant Ditto.	
	Aaron Woodward Ensign Ditto.	
	Aaron Harlen Captain of the 1st Comp ^y	
	Isaac McConnel Lieutenant—Ditto.	
	Samuel Harper Ensign—Ditto.	
William A. Todd Surgeon	} Regimental Staff of the 4th Regt.	
Geo. Dorlin Qr Master		
William Culbertson Adjutant		

Monday October 17th 1796.

A Licence to travel as a Hawker or Pedlar on foot within this Commonwealth for one year from this date was this day granted to George Connelly, upon recommendation and Bond given according to law.

Upon a very general and respectable recommendation the Governor this day appointed and Commissioned Samuel Stanton to be a Justice of the Peace for the district of upper-smithfield township in the County of Northampton.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon John Kirchner by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Berks for Fornication and Bastardy of which he was convicted at the said Court, was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Pardon was granted to Catherine Coleman, who was convicted of a "Misdemeanor in endeavouring the death of her Bastard Child and privately to conceal the birth of the same;" and sentenced to two years servitude at hard labour and to pay costs of prosecution &c. in compliance with a respectable recommendation from the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philada^a

Tuesday October 18th 1796.

The opinion of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth as to the qualification of the Members of the Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia, was this day requested by the Governor; and an opinion was received as follows Vizt:—

"That the part of the laws for incorporating the City of Philadelphia, which respected the Qualifications of the Common Council, remained unrepealed; and that it was there provided, that the qualifications should be administered by

the Mayor. In consequence of the recent change, however, in the Constitution of the Corporation it has happened that no Mayor can, at this time, be in actual existence. But although the case does not seem to be within the positive provisions of any law, it must be governed by higher principles; since the law never requires any thing to be done, which is impossible to do, and yet the failure of the City—jurisprudence, ought to be prevented. Hence it is to be considered, that the Executive Magistrate is charged by the Constitution to see that the laws be faithfully executed; and it is a principle of all governments, that its officers must in cases of necessity, so act to prevent an injury to the Republic." Upon these principles the Chief Justice is of opinion that the duty of administering the qualifications devolved on the Governor, but recommended *ex abundanti cantali*, that, After the election of the Mayor, the Members of the Select and Common Council should be again qualified before that officer, which would obviate all doubts as to the validity of the ordinance that might afterwards be passed." See letter Book Vol 2. page 457.

The oaths and affirmations of Office, and the oaths and affirmations to support the Constitution of the United States and of this State to the following named Gentlemen Vizt:—

Select Council		Select Council	
Francis Gurney Pres.	Sworn—	John Connelly	absent
Samuel M Fox	aff'd	Henry Pratt	absent
John Bleakly	aff'd	John Hallowell	aff'd
John Miller junior	Sworn	Godfrey Haga	absent
Samuel Coates	aff'd	Caleb North	aff'd
Thomas Cumpston	aff'd	James Read	absent

Common Council		Common Council	
Matthias Sadler	Sworn	Benjamin Chew jr	Sworn
Thomas Greaves	aff'd	Bower Brooke	aff'd
Michael Keppele	Sworn	Jonathan W Condy	aff'd
Thomas Allibone	Affirm'd	James Coxe	Sworn
Kerney Wharton	aff'd	George Pennock	aff'd
Edward Pennington	aff'd	James Todd	aff'd
Walter Franklin	aff'd	Joseph Hopkinson	Sworn
Henry Drinker junr	aff'd	Casper W Morris	aff'd
Samuel Hodgdon	Sworn		
Gideon Hill Wells	aff'd		
Conrad Gerhard	aff'd		
Thomas Parker	aff'd		

The opinion of the Chief Justice was received this day as to the manner of Administering the oaths of Office, and of fidelity, an the United States, and the State of Pennsylvania to the Select and Common Council and to the Presidents thereof, was transmitted to Francis Gurney as Chairman of the Select Council, and to Samuel Hodgdon as Chairman of the Common Council for their information.

Hilary Baker, Esquire, having been elected Mayor of the City of Philadelphia now appeared before the Governor and the usual Oaths of Office and fidelity, were administered to him in due form.

It being represented to the Governor that a certain Michael Dougherty, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia is a Lunatic, and that the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, are willing to receive him into their House on obtaining security from the County Commissioners for his maintenance. The Secretary by direction of the Governor, wrote a letter to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia assuring then that a Pardon shall issue whenever they shall report to him that the necessary arrangement is made for placing him in the Hospital.

Wednesday October 19th 1796.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners for the County of Bedford, was presented to the Governor; whereupon he appointed Isaac Bonnett Sheriff of the said County of Bedford; and accepted Robert Spencer and George Funk of said County as his sureties, from whom the Recorder of the County was instructed to take the security required by law for the said Sheriffs faithful discharge of all the duties of said Office according to law.

Upon application of James Puglia the Governor this day appointed and commissioned him an Interpreter of Foreign Languages and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Governor this day remitted a fine of nine pounds, which was imposed upon George Martin for not performing his tour of Militia duty when called thereto in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Thursday October 20th 1796.

The resignation of Hilary Baker, Esquire, of the Offices of Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace

and Jail Delivery in and for the County of Philadelphia; and Clerks of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery holden by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the said County, was this day accepted by the Governor; and thereupon, Joseph Reed, Esquire, was appointed to fill the said Offices in the room of the said Hilary Baker and Commissions signed by the Governor were issued to him accordingly—the Governor accepted Charles Pettit and Joseph Higbee of the City of Philadelphia, as his sureties and a Bond was taken from them in due form of law.

Friday October 21st 1796.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners in and for the County of Franklin was presented to the Governor; whereupon George Hetick was appointed Sheriff, and Archibald Rankin Coroner of the said County of Franklin—and the Governor accepted as his sureties Paul Immell and John Immell, from whom the Recorder was instructed to take sufficient security and according to law.

A Return of Coroners elected in the County of Bucks at the last General Election was presented to the Governor and Stephen Smith the highest upon the return for the Office was appointed and Commissioned to be Coroner of the County of Bucks. Jacob Twining and David Heston, were then accepted as his sureties, and the Recorder of Bucks County was instructed to take from them the security required by law.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to James Roseborough, upon recommendation by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Franklin County, and Bond given according to law.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of Rosewell Wells, Esquire, of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Luzerne, and appointed Jesse Fell, Esquire, of the said County to the said office in his room and stead.

Pardons were granted to the following named persons upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, Vizt:—

Alexander McDonald, who was convicted of forging and uttering a Check on the Bank of Pennsylvania, in the City of Philadelphia. with an intent to defraud the said Bank,

and sentenced to two years servitude at hard labour, and pay a fine of twenty seven dollars with Costs of Suit &c.

Thomas Wilson, who was convicted of Larceny, upon two Indictments, at West Chester in the County of Chester in November 1794, and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for three years, and fined twenty pounds one shilling and three pence, with Costs of suit &c.

James Dowley, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to one years servitude at hard labour, and fined six dollars with Costs of suit &c.

Clanson Pierrisol, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for one year and fined two pounds, with Costs of Suit &c.

Tuesday October 25th 1796.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Bartholomew Gahagan by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Chester, upon being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, was this day remitted.

Licences to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, for one year from this date, within this Commonwealth were granted to Thomas Oyer and Francis Donnolly, upon being recommended by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia and Bonds given according to law.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, having made a Return of the election of three militia Officers of the said City of Philada according to law, Commissions were signed by the Governor and issued agreeably thereto, in the names of the following persons Viz^t:—

Artillery Regiment

Henry Hyneman Captain	} of the 7 th Company
James Boyd 1 st Lieutenant	
John Souder 2 ^d Lieutenant	

Wednesday October 26th 1796.

Information was received by the Governor, from George Weiss of the County of Philadelphia of an Escheat, that hath happened to the Commonwealth of real and personal estate in the County of Philadelphia, by the death of James

Carey late of the district of Southwark, intestate without heirs or known kindred, and fled.—A copy of the same was then transmitted to Clement Biddle, Esquire, Escheator General of the Commonwealth.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, for the County of Northampton was received, and the Governor thereupon appointed and Commissioned Henry Spering to be Sheriff, and Philip Schitz to be Coroner of the said County of Northampton, George William Roupe and William Barnet, being offered as sureties for the Sheriff; and Peter Miller and Charles Kacklein, for the Coroner; the Governor accepted them as such, and the Recorder of the said County was instructed, to take from the said Sheriff and Coroner the security required by law.

Thursday October 27th 1796.

The Brigade Inspector of the City of Philadelphia made a Return to the Governor of an election of two Militia Officers, for the City of Philadelphia and Commissions were made out agreeably thereto, for the following named Gentlemen Vizt:—

Third Regiment.

James McDonald Captain	} of the fourth Company
John McClanahan Lieutenant	

Saturday October 29th 1796.

Upon a respectable recommendation Jacob Lerch of the County of Northampton, was appointed by the Governor a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Williams and Lower Saucon in the said County.

The Contractors for clearing the Susquehanna River from the mouth of Swatara Creek to the mouth of the Juniata River having complained to the Governor that Mr Kittera one of their sureties has drawn the sum of £250 of which they have no account it not having been paid over to them a letter was written to Mr Kittera by direction of the Governor, requesting that such arrangement may be made with the Contractors, as will prevent any further application to the Executive.

Tuesday November 1st 1796.

Returns of the General Elections of Sheriffs in the County of Washington, and the County of Fayette, were this day

presented to the Governor; whereupon Thomas Hamilton was appointed Sheriff of the County of Washington and Thomas Collins Sheriff of the County of Fayette, those Gentlemen having had the highest number of votes for that Office in the said several Counties, and the said Gentlemen were Commissioned accordingly. The Recorder was then instructed to take the security required by law from James Rankin and George Hamilton as sureties for Thomas Hamilton as Sheriff of the County of Washington; and John Collins and William Whitesides, as sureties for the said Thomas Collins as Sheriff of the County of Fayette, all whom the Governor approved and accepted.

Pardons were granted to the following named persons, vizt:

George Southerland who was convicted of fornication and Bastardy at Washington in the County of Washington in October one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds with Costs of Prosecution &c.

George Hetherington, who was convicted of a Riot and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for four months and one hundred pounds, with Costs of Prosecution &c.

Maria Price, who was convicted of an Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia, in September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and sentenced to pay a fine of five pounds with Costs of suit &c.

John Hopkins, Esquire, having elected a Member of the General Assembly, for the County of Lancaster, this day resigned his Office of Justice of the Peace in and for district of Sadsbury and Salisbury in the said county which the Governor accepted; and thereupon in compliance with a general and respectable recommendation the Governor appointed and Commissioned Peter Ellmaker a Justice of the Peace in his room.

Friday November 4th 1796.

The Governor this day remitted a fine of Nine pounds imposed upon John Stretzell of the County of Philadelphia for not performing his tour of militia duty, when called thereto from the County of Philadelphia in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, agreeably to an Act of General Assembly, passed for the regulation of the Militia of this Commonwealth on the eleventh day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

The Militia fines due from Joshua Davis Peter Edmonds, and Jesse Walton for a similar neglect in the County of Northampton, were also remitted by the Governor.

Monday November 7th 1796.

The Governor this day accepted of the resignation of Ralph Stoever of the Office of Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Bedminster and Rockhill in the County of Bucks; and thereupon appointed and commissioned Lawrence Cauffman Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace for the said district in the room and stead of the said Ralph Stoever.

A Pardon was granted to Nancy Betts, who was convicted in the County of Lancaster of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be such, and sentenced to pay a fine of four pounds one shilling and six pence and be imprisoned one year at hard labour &c.

Tuesday November 8th 1796.

The resignation of Nathaniel Falconer Esquire of the Office of Alderman, for the City of Philadelphia, was this day accepted by the Governor, and Jacob Baker was appointed to that Office in his room and stead—a commission issued to him accordingly.

A Return of the last General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, held in the County of Greene, was received, and James Hook was appointed Sheriff, and James Boone Coroner of the said County they having had the highest number of votes for the said Offices. The Governor then accepted Jacob Klyne and William Ingram as sureties; and John Ross and William Heaton for the Coroner; and the Recorder of the County was instructed to take from the said Sheriff and Coroner, the security required by law, previously to the delivery of their Commissions.

Daniel Buckley was appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Sadsbury and Salisbury, in the County of Lancaster, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The Brigade Inspector, of the Militia of the County of Montgomery, made a return of an election of four Militia Officers, to supply vacancies in that County, and Commissions were issued to the following named Gentlemen, agreeably to the said Return vizt:—

Daniel Levering—Captain of the fourth Compy in 1st Regt.

Paul Dowling—Captain	} of the fourth Comp ^y in the 3 ^d Regt.
Matthw Hair—Lieutenant	
Joseph McClean—Ensign	

A Pardon was, this day, granted by the Governor to John Collins, who was convicted in the County of Delaware of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour until the second day of May next, and fined three pounds with Costs of Suit &c.

Thursday November 10th 1796.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Robert Lusk, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cumberland, for keeping a Tippling house was this day remitted by the Governor.

William Clark was appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of St Clair Township in the County of Bedford upon a respectable recommendation.

The resignation of John Sellers, Esquire, of the Office of Commissioner for reviewing so much of the Road from Philadelphia to the Borough of York as lies between Fawkes's Tavern and West Chester under a Commisison dated the twenty sixth of April last, was this day accepted and Benjamin Hayes Smith appointed in his room by a Commission dated this day as follows, to wit:—

Pennsylvania sst

{ The Great Seal of the State. }	In the name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
	Thomas Mifflin
	Gôvernor of the said Comomnwealth
	To Benjamin Hayes Smith of the County of Esquire,

Whereas in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth entitled, "An Act to provide for a review of that part of a Road laid out from Philadelphia to the Borough of York, by West Chester Strasburgh and the Blue Rock, which lies between Fawkes's Tavern and West Chester," passed on the fourth day of April last, it is provided and declared, "that the Governor be authorized to appoint four Commissioners, who together with three heretofore appointed to view and lay out a Road from Philadelphia to the Borough of York, in York County through West Chester and

Strasburgh and crossing Susquehanna at the place commonly called the Blue Rock shall proceed without delay to review so much of the said Road as lies between Fawkes Tavern and West Chester and make such deviation (if they shall think any deviation necessary) as will most conduce to the accommodation of the public; and also to examine a return made by the Commissioners into the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and to correct the same wheresoever it shall be found erroneous or not agreeably to the view and survey actually made in all those cases wherein they shall not think proper to make the deviations aforementioned, and shall make a return of their proceedings into the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth on or before the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven" And Whereas in pursuance of the power and authority given and granted in and by the said recited Act of Assembly Francis Nichols, Dennis Whelen, Caleb James and John Sellers Esquires, on the twenty sixth day of April last, were appointed Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid; but John Sellers Esqr hath since resigned the said appointment and his recignation has been duly accepted. Now, therefore, know you, That having full confidence in your integrity, judgment and abilities I have appointed and by these presents I do appoint you the said Benjamin Hayes Smith in conjunction with the aforesaid Francis Nichols Denis Whelen and Caleb James, who in addition to the Commissioners appointed on the fifteenth of April 1796, that is to say John Hannum, Alexander Turner, and Benjamin Brannon were appointed Commissioners for the purposes of reviewing so much of the above described Road from Philadelphia to the Borough of York as lies between Fawkes Tavern and West Chester as aforesaid, and examining and correcting if necessary of the Commissioners aforesaid, in the manner in the said recited act mentioned, and above stated hereby requiring you, with all convenient dispatch to proceed in the execution of the trust reposed in you as aforesaid and to unite with the said Commissioners in making a full and accurate report thereof in writing together with a draft and return of survey of the Road above described.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed to these presents, at Philadelphia, this tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord, one thousand

seven hundred and ninety six, and of the Commonwealth the Twenty first.

Thomas Mifflin

By the Governor

A. J. Dallas

Secretary

Upon a Return of an Election held agreeably to law, the following Gentlemen were commissioned to be Officers in the Regiment of Artillery belonging to the Brigade of Militia of the City of Philadelphia, vizt:—

James Boyd Captain Lieut. Capt	} of the seventh Comp
Georg Spangler second Lieut	
Thomas Bradley Captain	

Saturday November 12th 1796.

A Return of the General Election of Coroners for the County of York was presented to the Governor, who was this day appointed and commissioned Jacob Updegraff to be Coroner of the said, having had the highest number of Votes at the said election for the Office—John Stewart and Jacob Upp were accepted as his sureties and the Recorder was instructed to take from them the security required by law for the said Coroners faithful discharge of his said office.

A License to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot within this Commonwealth, for one year from this date, was this day granted to Michael Darey, upon a recommendation, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday November 14th 1797. sic. [1796].

The Governor this day appointe dand commissioned Craig Ritchie Esquire to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of chartiers township in the County of Washington; and Martin Withington in and for the district of the townships of Sunbury and Augusta in the County of Northumberland.

In compliance with a respectable recommendation the Governor this day appointed and commissioned Jacob Bower Esquire, to the Major General of the Division composed of the Militia of the Counties of Berks and Doupin in the room of Daniel Heister Esquire resigned.

Tuesday November 15th 1797. sic. [1796].

Thomas Boone was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Amity Exeter and Douglass in the County of Berks.

Wednesday November 16th 1797. sic. [1796].

James Miles was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Potter in the County of Northumberland; and Reese Moore in and for the district of Union Robeson and Carnarvon in the County of Berks.

Friday November 18th 1796.

The Attorney General of the State having obtained and communicated to the Chief Justice an affidavit ascertaining certain intrusions at or near Wioming under Connecticut Grants of which the Governor was this day informed:—the Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor, this day, requested that the Chief Justice would be pleased to state to the Governor for the information of the Legislature the measures that will be pursued on the occasion and at the same time expressed a wish that expedition and energy may manifest the determination of the Government to put an end to such offences:

Returns of the Elections of Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States held on the fourth instant, according to an Act of the General Assembly, passed on the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six entitled "An Act directing the manner time and places for holding Elections for the Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States," being now received from all the Counties of the State (except the Counties of Westmoreland Fayette and Greene) the Governor took the same, and the said Act Assembly into consideration with an opinion which was given by the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety two in relation to certain embarrassments that arose in the Election of Electors held in that year, and finding similar embarrassments to arise as to the late Election, this day, directed the Secretary of the Commonwealth to transmit to the Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the first district of Common Pleas and the Attorney General a copy of the said opinion; and to request them to

compare the several Acts of Assembly, under which the Elections have been held, and to report to him whether any and what variance exists between them, which might lead to a change of the opinion.

The opinion of Judges Shippen and Smith of the Supreme Court, Judge Biddle President of the first district of the court of Common Pleas, and the Attorney General was received accordingly, in the following words, to wit:—

“Sir.

“We have considered and compared the two Acts of Assembly, respecting the Election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

The Act of 1792, directs the Sheriffs of the several Counties, to transmit to the Governor returns of the Election within twelve days after the Election.

By the law of the first of April 1796, the Prothonotary of the proper County is directed to transmit to the Governor a Return of the Elections so as the same may be delivered within fourteen days after the Election.

We are of opinion, that no variance exists between those Acts that can lead to a change of sentiment and that applying the same principal in the present case the Governor should postpone any decision on the Election of Electors until the morning of Wednesday the twenty third instant, the last Wednesday of the month in the year 1792, being the 28th and in the present year, the thirtieth of the Month of November.

Philadelphia	}	Edward Shippen
November 18 th 1796.		Thomas Smith
To		Jared Ingersoll
Tho Mifflin Governor		James Biddle”
of Pennsylvania.		

The Secretary of the Commonwealth informed the Attorney General of the request made to the Chief Justice this morning relative to the Connecticut Intrusions.

The Deputy Post Master having mentioned this morning that the Pittsburgh Mail was not received as usual by the arrival of the last Post, and a report being current that the election Returns for Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, from the Counties of Westmoreland, Fayette and Greene have either accidentally or by design, been sent out of the usual Route by the Western Post. The Secretary of the Commonwealth, requested of the said Post Master a particular detail of facts, and his opinion when the returns if sent circuitously, subsequent to the Election

may be expected in Philadelphia, for the information of the Governor.

It being represented to the Governor, that the Northumberland County return of the Election of Electors does not contain the votes given in the fourth seventh and tenth, districts. The Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor, this day, wrote a letter to Jasper Ewing, Esquire, Prothonotary of the said County, requesting that he would immediately collect and transmit to the Secretarys Office as well the Official returns made out by the Judges, as the boxes and tally lists for those districts. It was also represented that similar irregularities had happened in the Counties of Lycoming, Bucks and Lancaster, and similar letters were written to the Prothonotaries of the said Counties.

Saturday November 19th 1796.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, within this Commonwealth, for one year, with one Horse, was granted to Hugh Dever upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday November 21st 1796.

The Inspectors of the Brigades of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia and of the County of Montgomery having this day made returns of several Elections of Officers in the said Militia, the Governor ordered Commissions for the Gentlemen named therein to issue, and they were accordingly issued. Vizt:—

Officers of the Philadelphia City Militia.

Second Regiment.

John Vannest Lieutenant of the first Company.

John Shannon Captain

Samuel Falkner Lieutenant } of the fourth Company.

James Magrath Ensign }

John McCarr Lieutenant of the fifth Company.

William Healy Captain

Dennis Deyver Lieutenant } of the seventh Company.

Robert Steward Ensign }

Officers of the Montgomery County Militia.

Daniel Levering Captain of the fourth Company 1st Regiment	
Paul Dowling Captain	} of the fourth Company in the 3d Regmt
Matthew Hair Lieut.	
Joseph McClean Ensign	

Wednesday November 23^d 1796.

An application by Andrew Porter for an Island in the River Allegheny about 13 miles from Pittsburgh a little above the mouth of Deer Creek containing Thirty one acres and one hundred and fifty one perches of land, was this day referred to the Secretary, Receiver General and Surveyor General of the Land Office, under the Governor's Instructions respecting Islands.

Thursday November 24th 1796.

The Governor having considered the opinion of Judges Shippen and Smith of the Supreme Court, Judge Biddle President, of the first district of the Court of Common Pleas and the Attorney General (with an opinion, which was given by Judges Mc Kean Shippen Bradford and Biddle, and the Attorney General in the year 1792) relative to the issuing a Proclamation to declare who are the persons duly chosen Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States; and considering also the second section of Act of the General Assembly, passed on the first day of April last this day proceeded agreeably to the directions of the said Act of Assembly to enumerate and ascertain from the returns at this time actually received the number of the votes given for each and every person voted for at the Elections aforesaid, when it appeared that the following named persons had the number of votes annexed to their names, respectively Vizt:—

State of the Election of a President and Vice President of the United States, exclusive of the Return of Greene County, which has not yet been received, and a few scattering votes; and including the informal returns of an Election in one of the districts of Franklin County transmitted by the Prothonotary, and of the elections of two districts in the district of Northumberland and Lycoming brought yesterday by express to the Governor.

Thomas McKean	1	12,306
James Boyd	2	12,294

William Brown	3	12,282
John Whitehill	4	12,280
Peter Muhlenberg	5	12,274
Abraham Smith	6	12,271
Jacob Morgan	7	12,269
James Hanna	8	12,267
John Smilie	9	12,266
Joseph Heister	10	12,260
William Irvine	11	12,237
William McClay	12	12,208
John Piper	13	12,260
Robert Coleman	14	12,217
Samuel Miles	15	12,214
Jonas Hartzell	16	12,201
Samuel Postlethwaite	17	12,197
William Wilson	18	12,190
Israel Whelen	19	12,185
John Carson	20	12,175
James Edgar	21	12,173
Henry Wynkoop	22	12,164
Thomas Bull	23	12,158
Jacob Hay	24	12,145
Benjamin Elliott	25	12,137
John Woods	26	12,136
Valentine Eckhart	27	12,134
Ephraim Douglass	28	12,132
John Arndt	29	12,096
Thomas Stokely	30	12,071

In the Bucks County Return the name of John Edgar was inserted instead of James Edgar; and in the Lancaster Return, the name of William Brown was originally omitted: but both these errors were corrected by having recourse to authentic documents.

The Prothonotary of the County of Franklin having transmitted to the Governor an Official Copy of the Election for Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States in one of the districts of that County with a letter Explanatory of the facts, respecting the Return and an express sent to the Counties of Northumberland and Lycoming at the instance of Joseph Thomas Esquire having this, day brought to the Secretary's Office the Returns, tally-lists, and ballots of the two districts omitted in the General Return of those Counties, the Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor, requested the opinion of the At-

torney General, whether all or any of the Returns aforesaid ought to be included in the General enumeration of the votes for electors; and the Attorney General thereupon in the presence of Alexander Wilcocks and Albert Gallatine Esquires, delivered an opinion that all the said returns, should be included in the said enumeration first comparing the two returns from Northumberland and Lycoming district, with the ballots and tally lists. The comparison being accordingly made, by the Secretary Deputy Secretary and John Donaldson Esquire, the Comptroller General, and no material variance being found all the said Returns were included in the enumeration in conformity to the opinion of the Attorney General.

The Governor thereupon issued the following Proclamation declaring the names of fifteen persons, who had the highest number of votes as Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States Vizt:—

Pennsylvania. ss—

{ Great Seal of the State }	In the Name and the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
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Tho. Mifflin

By Thomas Mifflin

Governor of the said Commonwealth

A Proclamation.

Whereas it is provided in and by an Act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act directing the manner, time and places for holding Elections for the Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States" passed the fourth day of April last, that the Governor having received the Returns of the Elections from the respective Prothonotaries of the several Counties of this Commonwealth shall enumerate and ascertain the number of votes for each and every person voted for, as the Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, and thereupon declare by Proclamation the names of the persons so duly elected and chosen; and also that he shall notify the same to the Electors respectively on or before the last Wednesday in November instant. And Whereas, it appears by the returns which I have at this time actually received (being all the returns of the State except the return of the County of Greene) that Thomas McKean, Jacob Morgan, James Boyd, Peter Muhlenberg, Joseph Heister, William McClay, James

Hanna, John Whitehill, William Irvine Abraham Smith, John Piper, John Smilie, William Brown, Robert Coleman, and Samuel Miles, are the fifteen persons for whom (according to the returns received as aforesaid) the greatest number of votes was given at the said Election, held on friday the fourth day of November instant. Now therefore I have issued this Proclamation hereby publishing and declaring, that the said Thomas McKean, Jacob Morgan, James Boyd, Peter Muhlenberg, Joseph Heister, William McClay, James Hanna, John Whitehill, William Irvine, Abraham Smith, John Piper, John Smilie, William Brown, Robert Coleman, and Samuel Miles, appear, according to the returns received as aforesaid to be elected and chosen Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, to serve at the election, in that behalf to be held, at the Borough of Harrisburgh in the County of Dauphin on the first Wednesday in December next, agreeably to the said Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth and the Act of Congress in such case made and provided.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and of the Commonwealth the twenty first.

By the Governor :

A. J. Dallas,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor notified the fifteen Gentlemen named in the foregoing Proclamation respectively of their Election as Electors of a President and Vice President and informed them that they were required by law to Assemble on the first Wednesday in December next at Harrisburg to perform the duties enjoined on them respectively by the Constitution of the United States, and the Act of Congress passed on the first day of March 1792; and a list of the names of the persons Elected with a number of votes for each subjoined.

A General letter was also written to the said Electors, which was accompanied by three certified lists of their names under the great seal signed by the Governor and attested by the Secretary in order that one of the said lists may be annexed to each of the lists of their votes agreeably to the provisions contained in the third section of the Act of Con-

gress relatively to the Election of a President and Vice President of the United States.

Friday November 25th 1796.

The Post Master General was requested to give all the explanation that might be in his power as to the late extraordinary delay in the arrival of the mail in which were deposited the Returns of Electors of a President and Vice President of the United States, to enable the Governor to state the circumstances of the delay as fully as may be to the Legislature at their next meeting.

A statement of the progress in erecting the House intended for the use of the President of the United States, and of the amount of the disbursements was requested of Richard Wells Francis Gurney and Jacob Heiltzheimer, the Commissioners.

Saturday November 26th 1796.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to John Lewis Apple, John Brown, Thomas Peterson, Hugh Floyd, Joseph Archer, David Floyd Parnell Antrim and Peter Jemmison all of Philadelphia Mariners who were severally convicted of a Riot and Assault and Battery at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held at Philadelphia in and for the County of Philadelphia on the eighteenth of November 1796 and fined thirty dollars, each, with Costs of Suits and to suffer six months imprisonment at had labour in compliance with a recommendation in their favor by Robert Wharton and John Clement Stocker Esquires two the Alderman of the City of Philadelphia.

Upon application of Charles Canan, James Roberts and Frederick Wyland, for an increase of the monthly allowance to them as Watchmen at the State House and State Treasury, the Governor, this day agreed, that from and after this day the said Watchmen be allowed the monthly pay of sixteen dollars and thirty three cents, and a new watch coat, each every two years.

Monday November 28th 1796.

A Pardon was granted to Patrick Lafferty, who was convicted of Perjury at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer holden at Philadelphia for the county of Philadelphia and

fined in the sum of ten dollars, and sentenced, to suffer one year's servitude at hard labour, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Tuesday November 29th 1796.

The Governor this day granted Pardons and Remissions, in favor of the following named Persons Vizt:—

Peter Powell who was convicted of keeping a Tippling house in the County of Mifflin, and was sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds with Costs &c.

Cuffe (a Negro) who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of one year and nine months, and to pay a fine of twelve pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence with costs of prosecution &c.

William Thompson, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Delaware, to a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and fined six pounds, with Costs of suit &c.

A Return of an Election of Militia Officers held in the Brigade of the City of Philadelphia, for a Troop of Light-Horse, was presented to the Governor, who ordered commissions to issue, and the same were issued accordingly to the following named Gentlemen, Vizt:—

William Hall first Lieutenant

Robert Smith second Lieutenant.

Charles Ross Cornet.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year, was granted to Abraham Gumpert, upon recommendation, and Bond given according to law.

The Governor this day in compliance with a respectable recommendation appointed and commissioned William Lewis to be Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Berks in the room of Jacob Bower, Esquire, promoted to the Office of Major of the division composed of the Militia of the County of Dauphin and Berks.

A Return of Militia Officers to supply vacancies in the Militia of the County of Franklin was this day presented to the Governor, who ordered Commissions to issue and the same were accordingly issued, to the following named persons, Vizt:—

Third Regiment.

Philip Davis Mayor of the first Battalion of the Regt.
James Irwin Captain, John Finley Lieutenant, and Archibald Bard Ensign of the Light Infantry Company in said Regiment.

Ephraim Harris Lieutenant, James Withrow Ensign of the eighth Company of said Regiment.

William Bryer Captain, William Moore Ensign of the first Company of said Regiment.

James Adair Captain Benjamin Roberts Lieutenant, and James Cunningham Ensign of the second Company of the said Regiment.

Fourth Regiment.

William Ramsey Captain of the eighth Company.

Daniel Eckles Lieutenant of the fifth Company.

Frederick Sparr Captain of the third Company.

Michael Markley Ensign of the second Company.

First Regiment.

Andrew Mc Elvey Ensign of the sixth Company.

William Davison Ensign of the fifth Company.

Fifth Regiment.

George Sloan Lieutenant of the fourth Company.

Matthew Scott Lieutenant of the sixth Company.

John Stombaugh Ensign of the sixth Company.

Thursday December 1st 1796.

The division of Barree Township in the County of Huntingdon into a new Township to be called West by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County for the purpose of obtaining from the Governor the appointment of an additional Justice of the Peace as certified by the said Court, this day, received the approbation of the Governor; and thereupon George Gray was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the said district.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of James Hannum of the Office of Justice of the Peace for the district of East and West Marlborough and Kennett in the County of Chester in consequence of his being elected a member of the General Assembly.

An Original return of the Election of George Ege as a member of the House of Representatives elected in the district of the counties of Luzerne and Berks to represent the

State of Pennsylvania in the present Congress in the room and stead of Daniel Heister, Esquire, resigned was this day transmitted to Jonathan Dayton, Esquire, Speaker of that House, together with the letter of resignation and a copy of the writ which was issued for holding the said Election.

Friday December 2nd 1796.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Pedlar and Hawker, with one Horse, was granted to Charles Mc Kimman and also to Patrick Tunny, on foot within this Commonwealth for one year, upon recommendation of them for such Licence respectively and bonds given according to law.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Sarah Clements, who was convicted of Horse-stealing in the County of Huntingdon and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for four years, and fined in the sum of Eighty dollars with costs of Suit &c.

Saturday December 3^d 1796.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Caleb Pierce a Notary Public to reside within the County of Delaware; and accepted William Kerlin and James Withy as his sureties, whose Bond was taken in due form, and a Commission transmitted to that County for the said Caleb Pierce.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, having made a return of an Election of four Militia Officers, the Governor ordered Commissions to issue, and the same were accordingly issued to the following named Gentlemen **Vizt:**

Ebenezer Ferguson Captain	Lieutenant	} of the fourth Compy in the Regt. of Artillery
George Fox—first	Lieutenant	
Bartholomew Baker, second	Lieutenant	
William Skinner—third	Lieutenant	

Wednesday December 7th 1796.

The Governor took into consideration the return of Coroners elected at the last General Election held in the county of Dauphin, and appointed and commissioned Jacob Bucher (who had the highest number of votes for the said Office at the said Election) to be Coroner of the said County—Christian

Kunckle and George Hoyer were accepted by the Governor as sureties and the Recorder was instructed to take the security required by law.

Thursday December 8th 1796.

The resignation of George Ege, Esquire, of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Berks, was this day accepted by the Governor, in consequence of his being elected to a seat in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

This day a Committee of both Houses of the Legislature informed the Governor, that the General Assembly was now met and ready to receive such communication, as the Governor might think proper to make; when the Governor replied that he would meet both Houses in the Senate Chamber to morrow at twelve O'clock to lay before them a State of the affairs of the Commonwealth.

Friday December 9th 1796.

By direction of the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth this day presented to Robert Hare Esquire, speaker of the Senate of this Commonwealth all the Returns of the late Election of Governor, that have been transmitted to his Office.

This day, agreeably to appointment the Governor met both Houses of the Legislature, in the Senate Chamber, and delivered his address, for which see Book of Legislative Communications Vol. 2. page 51. &c.

Saturday December 10th 1796.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to James Duffy, upon recommendation, and Bond given according to law.

Patrick Galbraith was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace for the district of Shirley in the County of Huntingdon.

The fine of nine pounds, which was imposed upon Simon Krewson for not performing his tour of Militia duty, in the year 1794, agreeably to the militia law of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, was this day re-

mitted by the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

A Person of the name of Barecroft having been charged with having committed a Rape on the body of Fanny Sibbald, and sundry affidavits being this day laid before the Governor in support of the said charge, and the Governor having received information that the said Barecroft has fled from the Justice of this State into the State of New Jersey, or that of New York; the Executives of the said States were requested to cause the said Barecroft to be arrested and secured if found in either of the said States and delivered over to the Government of this State, having jurisdiction of his crime agreeably to the Federal Constitution and the Act of Congress in such case made and provided.

Monday December 12th 1796.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Dauphin having made a return of the Election of seventeen Officers of the Militia of that County—the Governor ordered Commissions to issue and the same were accordingly issued to the following named, gentlemen, Viz:—

David Scarlot, Lieutenant of the 3 ^d Comp ^y 1 st Batt 1 st Reg ^t					
Thomas Bennet Ensign of	Ditto	Ditto			
James Wilson Jr Captain of	1 Comp ^y 1	Ditto 2	Ditto		
William McClure Lieutenant of	1 Ditto 1	Ditto 2	Ditto		
George Lower—Captain of	3 Ditto 1	Ditto 2	Ditto		
Andrew Alexander Lieut of	3 Ditto 1	Ditto 2	Ditto		
Jacob Early—Ensign of	4 Ditto 1	Ditto 2	Do		

George Bowman Captain

John Philip Beck 1st Lieut.

Gustavus Stoy—2^d Lieut.

} of the Rifle Comp^y attached to
} 3^d Reg^t

Mathias Gast 1st Lieut.

Henry Helger 2^d Lieut.

} of the Rifle Comp^y attached to
} 2^d Bat. 3^d Reg^t

Christian Frederick Kreiger Major of the 1st Battⁿ 4th Regiment.

Michael Strow Junr—Captain of the 3 Company 1 Battⁿ 4 Reg^t
Frederick Hower Ensign of the eighth Company 1 Batt 4th Regiment.

John Mc Ewen Lieutenant of the sixth Company 2 Batt 4th Regiment.

Andrew Robison Ensign—of the Ditto Ditto

Tuesday December 13th 1796.

The Governor this day granted a Pardon to Ezekiel Creatures, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Mifflin in November 1796, and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour, and fined in a sum equal to the value of the goods stolen with costs of suit &c.

Wednesday December 14th 1796.

Upon application of John Kuntz and John Fuhr of the County of Northampton and recommendation in their favor for remission of their Militia fines of nine pounds each, the Governor remitted the several fines imposed upon them for neglect of Militia duty.

Information having been received that a three mast Schooner called Musquito is now arming in the Port of Philadelphia, in violation of our neutrality, the same was immediately communicated to Nathaniel Falconer Esquire Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, who was directed to ascertain and report the facts.

Thursday December 15th 1796.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Frederick Hanckle, upon recommendation, of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Bond given according to law.

The fine of five pounds which was imposed upon William Boyl by the Mayor's Court for an assault and battery was this day remitted by the Governor.

The Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia this day reported that the Schooner Musquito having sailed from the Port, it has not been in his power to execute the Governor's orders of yesterday's date; but having made enquiry of persons living near the place where the Vessel was repaired he could not learn that any cannon or small arms had been carried on board of her; whereupon the information contained in the said Report was immediately to the Secretary at War.

Friday December 16th 1796.

Licences to follow the employment of Pedlars and Hawkers on foot for one year within this Commonwealth were

granted to Frederick Muller and Hugh McGerall upon recommendation by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and bonds given according to law.

Tuesday December 20th 1796.

A certificate signed by Robert Hare Speaker of the Senate and by George Latimer Speaker of the House of Representatives in the presence of both Houses of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, agreeably to the Constitution was this presented to the Governor in due form at his dwelling-house by a joint Committee of both Houses in the following words to wit:—

“We the Speaker and Members of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and We the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the same Commonwealth.

Do hereby certify That the Speaker of the Senate did on the sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six in the Senate Chamber in the City of Philadelphia, open the reutrn of the thousand seven hundred and ninety six in the Senate Chamber in the City of Philadelphia, open the returns of the Election of Governor of the Commonwealth, to him directed, and did publish the same in the presence of the Members of both Houses of the Legislature, conformably to the Constitution of the said Commonwealth; and that upon counting the votes by a Teller appointed by each House, it appeared, that Thomas Mifflin had a majority of votes;—whereupon the said Thomas Mifflin, was declared to be duly elected Governor of the said Commonwealth.

In Testimony whereof, we have hereto set our hands the day and year first above written.

Signed,

Robert Hare, Speaker of the Senate.
George Latimer Speaker of the House
of Representatives.”

The Governor being confined by a severe indisposition the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth attended in his Chamber and administered to him the usual oaths of Office and of fidelity as Governor of the Commonwealth in the presence of a Joint Committee of both Houses, agreeably to a Resolution of the two Houses dated this day; and the Governor having subscribed the same, a certificate thereof attested by the Chief Justice was delivered to the said Joint Committee

for the information of the Legislature—the Governor then delivered to the Joint Committee an address to the Legislature to be communicated to both Houses.

Proclamation of the Governor's Election was then made from the Court house steps in High Street, the following order of procession having been first observed from the State-house to the Court house.

Constables with their Staves,
Sub Sheriffs with their Wands,
High Sheriff and Coroner with their Wands,
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas,
Judges of the Supreme Court,
Judges of the High Court of Errors and Appeals,
Attorney-General and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court,
Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia,
Health Officer,
Comptroller General and Register General,
Secretary, Receiver General and Surveyor General of the
Land Office,
Justices of the Peace,
Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas and Clerk of the
Court of Quarter Sessions,
Clerks of the Mayor's Court & of the Corporation,
Mayor Recorder and Aldermen
Select and Common Council
Master of the Rolls and Register of Wills
Register of German Passengers
Secretary of the Commonwealth and his Assistant
The Governor.*
Serjeant-at-arms of the Senate
Assistant Clerk of the Senate,
Clerk of the Senate,
Speaker of the Senate,
Members of the Senate two and two,
Door keeper of the Senate
Serjeant at arms of the House of Representatives,
Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Clerk of the House of Representatives,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Members of the House of Representatives two and two,
Door-keeper of the House of Representatives,
Provost and Faculty of the University two & two,
Officers of the Militia,
Citizens,

*NB. The Governor did not attend the Procession, on account of a severe indisposition of his health.

The Governor re-appointed and Commissioned Alex^r James Dallas, Esquire, to be Secretary of the Commonwealth, during the continuance of the Governor in Office, agreeably to the fifteenth Section of the second Article of the Constitution of the said Commonwealth, of which the General Assembly was informed by letters addressed by the Governor to the Speaker of each house.

James Trimble was also then re-appointed and commissioned to be Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth in the usual form.

A Committee of the Senate, this day, waited on the Governor in his Chamber, and presented the answer of the Senate to his address to both Houses of the Legislature at the opening of the Session.

Wednesday December 21st 1796.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was, this day, granted to Timothy Cusack upon recommendation in his favor for the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bond given according to law.

Two Messages from the Governor, were this day presented to the Legislature—one of them communicating sundry documents received from the Mayor of the City of Savanna in the State of Georgia informing that the greater part of that City has been recently destroyed by fire, and recommending a prompt and liberal contribution for the relief of the Inhabitants thereof—and the other requesting an appropriation of money to enable him to issue a Proclamation offering a reward for apprehending and securing any person or persons, who may be concerned in attempting to set fire to this City.

Thursday December 22^d 1796.

The Governor being this day informed, that the Senate and House of Representatives have Resolved to make such appropriations of money as shall enable him to offer a reward by Proclamation for apprehending and securing any person or persons concerned in the late conspiracy to set the City of Philadelphia and Suburbs on fire,—now took into consideration the request made by a number of Citizens to issue

such Proclamation; and a Proclamation was accordingly issued, in the words following, to wit:

Pennsylvania sst

{ Great
Seal of the
State }

In the Name and by the authority of
the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By Thomas Mifflin
Governor of the said Commonwealth

A Proclamation.

Whereas it has been represented to me, that various appearances in different parts of the City and Suburbs of Philadelphia, have occasioned a serious apprehension among the Inhabitants thereof, that some persons have formed an iniquitous conspiracy to set the same on fire, with a view to commit acts of plunder and depredation during the conflagration: Therefore, I have deemed it expedient to issue this Proclamation;—hereby offering a reward of five hundred dollars, to any person or persons, who shall discover the said conspiracy and the parties therein wickedly concerned, so that the incendiaries, or any of them may be apprehended secured, tried and convicted; which reward shall be accordingly paid, on the conviction of all or any of the offenders: and if the person or persons making such discovery hath, or have been, concerned in any attempt heretofore made, or in any conspiracy with a view hereafter, to set fire to the said City or Suburbs. I do further engage and promise a Pardon for such his, her or their conspiracy and offence upon condition that he she or they shall make a full disclosure of all the circumstances relating to the origin progress and execution of the said Conspiracy, and of the names and places of abode of his her or their Confederates. And all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, and other persons whosoever, intrusted with the execution of the laws of this Commonwealth are required and enjoined to be attentive and vigilant in detecting securing and bringing to Justice, according to the duties of their respective stations all persons offending or attempting to offend, in the manner by this Proclamation set forth.

Given under my Hand, and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this twenty second day of December, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and of the Commonwealth the Twenty first.

By the Governor:

A. J. Dallas
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Friday December 23^d 1796:

The Governor, this day, approved and signed an Act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to contribute the relief of the sufferers by the late fires in the City of Savannah in the State of Georgia;" and the same was returned to the House of Representatives in which it originated.

The Governor in pursuance of the authority given him in and by the before mentioned Act of Assembly, this day appointed Robert Waln, Samuel Mickle Fox, and Charles Biddle Esquires agents for remitting the money granted by the said Act for the relief of the sufferers to the Mayor of Savannah; and a Warrant was accordingly drawn in their favor for the sum granted; information was then transmitted to John Y Noel Mayor of the City of Savannah of the said appropriation by the Legislature, and of the Governor's appointment of agents to remit the money.

The Governor granted Pardons to the following named persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, vizt:

Caesar (a Negro) who was convicted of an Assault and Battery, with an intent to kill a certain George Claypoole and sentenced to undergo two years servitude at hard labour and pay Costs of Suit &c:

Anne Brown, who was convicted of keeping a Tippling house and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the Commonwealth with Costs of suit.

Nicholas Fitzpatrick, who was convicted of an Assault and Battery, and sentenced to pay to the use of the Commonwealth, a fine of six dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

Michael McShafferty, who was convicted of a Riot and sentenced to two months servitude at hard labour, and to pay a fine of fifteen pounds, with costs of suit &c.

Wednesday, December 28th 1796.

An Act or Instrument for the incorporation of the Mutual Assistance Society of Hair Dressers and Surgeon Barbers of the City of Philadelphia, being now presented to the Governor with a Certificate of approbation by the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the same was confirmed by him and transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire, Master of the Rolls of this Commonwealth, to be inrolled according to the Act of Assembly of the sixth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia vizt:

John Jacques (a Negro) who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayors Court to two years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined one thousand Dollars, with Costs of suit &c.

Chloe Bowman, who was convicted of keeping a disorderly-house and sentenced to six months servitude at hard labour, and fined seven shillings and six pence, with Costs of prosecution &c.

Jeremy, (a Negro) who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined fifteen shillings with Costs &c.

James Deacon, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the said Court to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined fifteen shillings with Costs &c.

Joseph Price, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced, to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined by the said Court in the sum of ninety Dollars, with Costs of suit &c.

Anne Winters, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to two years imprisonment at hard labour and fined in the sum of one thousand dollars, with Costs of suit &c.

Esther Greene, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to nine months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined one pound seventeen shillings and six pence, with Costs of prosecution &c.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned William Ingraham to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Franklin township in the County of Greene.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Bucks having made a Return of an Election of four militia officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of that County, the Governor ordered Commissions to issue, and the same were issued accordingly, to the following named Gentlemen Vizt:—

John Larew, Captain of the third Company second Regiment
Benja Bartholomew, Lieut. of the second Company first Regiment.

John Matthias Captain of the seventh Company fourth Regiment.

Samuel Smith Captain of the Light Inftry Compy third Regiment.

Thursday December 29th 1796.

The Governor, this day, remitted a fine of nine pounds, which was imposed upon Robert Hellings for not performing his tour of Militia duty, when called thereto in the Year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon James Leonard, for keeping a Tippling house in the County of Huntingdon, was this day remitted by the Governor

Pardons were this day granted to James O Farrell and John Vaughan, who were severally convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayors Court each of them to pay a fine of thirteen shillings and nine pence to the Commonwealth and to suffer six months Imprisonment at hard labour.

A Message from the Governor was presented to both Houses of the Legislature communicating an application from the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia on the expediency of establishing some limitation in point of time when old judgments (which are often discharged tho' no entry is made upon the record) shall be presumed to be satisfied so as to destroy their lien upon real estates; also a letter from the City and County of Philadelphia, relative to the recent repairs in the Senate Chamber of Congress; with a representation from the Inspector of Salted provisions intended for exportation; and a Report of the Commissioners appointed to review so much of the Road from Philadelphia to the Borough of York as lies between Fawkes's Tavern and West Chester.

The Brigade Inspector of the City of Philadelphia having made Returns of certain Militia Officers to supply vacancies in the City Brigade of Militia—Commissions were ordered to issue to the several Gentlemen named therein, and were made out accordingly, to the following named persons vizt:—To William Hall first Lieutenant Robert Smith second Lieutenant, Charles Ross Cornet of the first Troop of Militia Light Horse—To Francis Powell Lieutenant of the sixth Company and William Lawless Ensign of the fifth Company of the second Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Edward Scott.

Friday December 30th 1796.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one horse, for one Year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Benjamin Law, upon recommendation

from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bond given according to law.

The Brigade Inspector of the second Washington County Brigade having this day made of the Election of thirty militia Officers, to supply vacancies in the Militia of the said Brigade,—Commissions were ordered to issue to the Gentlemen therein named, and the same were accordingly issued, as follows vizt:—

John Badollet Captain	} Commanding a Troop of Horse
James Russel 1st Lieut.	
Phillip Ketcham 2nd Lieut.	

First Regiment.

James McClelland Captain	} of the 2nd Comp'y 1st Battalion
Hugh Barclay Lieutenant	
Francis McClelland Ensign	
Thomas Sedgwick Captain	} of the 3rd Comp'y 2nd Battalion
William Jackson Ensign	

George Garrison Lieutenant of the 2nd Company 2nd Battalion
 Phelix Donnelly Ensign of the 4th Comp'y 1st Battalion

Second Regiment.

Benjamin Bell Major commanding the first Battalion
 William Enoch Major commanding the second Battalion

Isaac Enoch Captain	} of a Granadier Company attached to the second Battalion, and said Regiment
Cornellus Hurley Lieut.	
Henry Galloway Ensign	} of a Rifle Company attached to the first Battalion of said Regiment
Benjamin Line Captain	
Samuel Pope Lieut	} of the first Company 1st Battalion
John Lee Ensign	
Jacob Johns Captain	} of the first Company 2d Battalion
Zachariah Smith Lieut.	
George Shidler Ensign	} of the first Company 2d Battalion
John Dugan Captain	
Andrew Jackson Lieut	

Abel Pursley Captain of the second Company 2nd Battalion
 John Brown Ensign of the third Company 1st Battalion

Samuel Bell Captain	} of the third Company 2nd Battalion
Christopher Cox Lieut.	
Richard Boyd Ensign	
Andrew Young Alexander Capt	} of the fourth Company 2nd Battalion
William Welsh Lieutenant	
Peter Winterwood Ensign	

Moses Chambers was this day appointed and commissioned as a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Middle Smithfield township in the County of Northampton upon a respectable recommendation.

The Governor this day granted a Pardon to Patrick Treal who was convicted of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, and for the said offence was sentenced to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined seven dollars and seventy five Cents.

Saturday December 31st 1796.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned John Smith to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Pitt in the County of Allegheny; and Daniel Fleming and John Millegan for the district of North Huntingdon Township in the County of Westmoreland.

Wednesday January 4th 1797.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, upon recommendations from the Board of Inspectors of that Jail, vizt:—

Elizabeth Simmonds, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to three months imprisonment at hard labour and fined fifteen shillings with Costs of suit &c.

John Smith, convicted of the like offence and sentenced to imprisonment as aforesaid, for one year and fined thirty dollars, &c.

Jacob Simons, convicted as aforesaid, and sentenced as aforesaid, and fined five pounds, with Costs &c.

Jonathan Bears, convicted of an Assault & Battery and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay a fine of Twenty pounds, with Costs of suit &c.

A committee of the House of Representatives consisting of Messrs Ball Power and Marshall, waited upon the Governor, and presented to him an answer of the House of Representatives to his address of both Houses of the Legislature.

Thursday January 5th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned William Phimmer, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace in and

for the Township of Pitt in the County of Allegheny; and Andrew Bell to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Woodberry in the County of Huntingdon.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one Horse for one year, within this Commonwealth, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bond given according to law.

Friday January 6th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Thomas Shipton to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Penn and Beaver-dam in the County of Northumberland.

Saturday January 7th 1797.

The Governor, this day granted to Joseph Harris, James Chambers, James Patton, John Dehuff, William Riddle, Thomas Freely, John Wolff and Andrew Maris remission of the several fines, which were imposed upon them by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Washington at December Term 1794, upon being convicted of seditious behaviour in assisting at raising a liberty-pole and making use of improper language—in compliance with a respectable recommendation from three members of Assembly and others, respectable Inhabitants of the said County.

Tuesday January 10th 1797.

An Act for the incorporating the third Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the Commonwealth the same was confirmed by him, and was transmitted to Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Master of the Rolls to be inrolled according to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the sixth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Archibald Davidson upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Berks made a Return of two Militia Officers to supply vacancies in the said County; and Commissions were made out and signed by the Governor, and issued to the Gentlemen therein named, as follows, vizt:—

Daniel Reim Lieutenant	} of a Light Inftry Comp ^y attch ^d to 6th Regt
Daniel Kerper Ensign	

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, upon James McHaffn or Mahaffey, for keeping a Tippling-house, was this day remitted.

Wednesday January 11th 1797.

A certificate of the Election of Peter Baynton Esqr to be Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the Legislature signed by the Speaker of the Senate as Chairman of the meeting of both Houses of the Legislature, was now presented to the Governor by Mr Baynton, who offered to the Governor as his sureties William Hall David Lenox and Joseph Bullock of the City of Philadelphia; Whereupon the Governor, requested the opinion of the Attorney General, and it was received in the following words, to wit:—

“On perusing the Acts of Assembly, respecting the official Sureties to be given by the State Treasurer, I am of opinion, that the Bond is to be taken by the Secretary, in the name of the Commonwealth, and that the Sureties are to be approved by the Governor.

Philad^a January 11th 1797.

Jared Ingersoll

Sureties proposed by Peter Baynton, elected 10th Jany 1797.
William Hall
David Lenox.”

The Governor, thereupon accepted the Gentlemen offered by Mr Baynton before named as his sureties, and a Bond was taken from them and the Treasurer, in the usual form by the Secretary in the sum of Thirty thousand pounds, for the use and benefit of the Commonwealth.

Alexander McClure Waugh and William Delap Esqrs were appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace:—the former for the district of the township of Frankstown in the County of Huntingdon;—and the latter for the district of the townships of Menallin and Tyrone in the County of York.

Friday January 13th 1797.

Commissions for James Hook as Sheriff and James Boone as Coroner of the County of Greene made out agreeably to the Governor's appointment of them to the said Offices, on the eighth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety six were this day transmitted to the Recorder of the said County, with a Certificate of the Governor's acceptance of Jacob Klyne and William Ingram, as sureties for the Sheriff and John Ross and William Heaton, as sureties for the Coroner, in order that the said Recorder may take from the said Officers, the security required of them respectively.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the fund, for the relief and support of the Itenerant and superanuated and worn out Ministers and Preachers of the Methodist Church in the United States, their Wives Widows and Children, being presented to the Governor was confirmed by him, and transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire, Master of the Rolls, for inrollment; agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly, in that case made and provided, passed the sixth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Saturday January 14th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one Horse, for one year within this Commonwealth, was granted to William Boyle, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday January 16th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker or Pedlar, within this Commonwealth, for one year, with one Horse, was granted to Simon Donnolly, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The fine of three pounds, which was imposed upon James Barton by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Northampton for a Riot, and Assault and Battery, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday January 18th 1797.

A Message from the Governor, was presented to the Legislature, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, communicat-

ing a Report of certain Commissioners, who were appointed in pursuance of a late Act of Assembly authorizing the making alterations in, and additions to, the Jail used for criminals in the City of Philadelphia;—also a Representative for the Clerks in the Land Office, stating that the present allowance of salary to them is inadequate to their services:—also a General Report on the state of the various Contracts for improving Roads and clearing Rivers in this Commonwealth.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Adam Wetzel by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, for Fornication and Bastardy, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Thursday January 19th 1797.

William Petriken, was appointed and commissioned, by the Governor, to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the township of Upper Bald Eagle, in the County of Mifflin.

Friday January 20th 1797.

It being represented to the Governor by the Members of the General Assembly of the County of Bucks, that Stephen Smith who was on the twenty first day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, appointed Coroner of the County aforesd is since deceased, and that it is now necessary, that another person should be appointed to fill the vacancy, the Governor this day appointed Mark Hapenny, the next on the Return of the last General Election, to be Coroner of the said County, and he was commissioned accordingly.—The Governor then accepted Evan Lovett and Abraham Chapman of the said County as sureties, for the said Coroner; and a Bond and Recognizance, which had been previously executed, were now filed in the Secretary's Office.

Monday January 23^d 1797.

An Act for incorporating the Trustees of the Philad^a Baptist Association being presented to the Governor with a Certificate of Approbation by the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the Commonwealth; the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and immediately transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls

of the Commonwealth to be inrolled, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, in that case made and provided passed the sixth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

The Surveyor General's appointment of Mr. John Power to be a Deputy Surveyor of a District No. 2 West of Allegheny River and Conewango Creek in the room of William Power, who lately held the same, but has now resigned it, was, this day, approved and confirmed by the Governor, who accepted as his sureties David Mitchell and James Power, from whom a Bond was taken in due form.

Tuesday January 24th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace vizt: David Buckman for the townships of Upper-makefield and Solebury in the County of Bucks:—Samuel Jacobs for the district of the townships of Mountjoy, Donegall and Ralpho in the County of Lancaster:—And John Edwards for the District of the townships of Thornbury, Edgemont and Upper Providence, in the County of Delaware.

Thursday January 26th 1797.

The President Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania, were requested by the Governor to pay to the State Treasurer the sum of forty thousand dollars the amount of the dividend on the shares owned by the State, in the Capital Stock of the said Bank as declared on the fourth instant

Friday January 27th 1797.

Joseph Walker was appointed and commissioned as Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Sadsbury and Salsbury in the County of Lancaster in the room of John Johnston, Esquire, removed; and Jacob Utt a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Upper and Lower Mountbethel in the County of Northampton.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year, was granted to James Small upon recommendation by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bond given according to law.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary returned the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated, vizt:

I.—An Act to exonerate the district of Armagh, formerly in the County of Cumberland, but now in Mifflin County from sundry State Taxes.

II.—An Act for the relief of Henry Pensinger.

Saturday, January 28th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to John Maurer, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philada^a and Bond given according to law

Monday January 30th 1797.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon William Miller, who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, in the County of Northumberland, was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to _____ upon a recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philada and Bond given according to law.

Wednesday February 1st 1797.

Upon recommendation from the Members of the General Assembly, from the County of Dauphin, and many respectable Inhabitants of the said County, Josias Candor, was appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Derry and London Derry Townships in the said County.

Thursday February 2nd 1797.

Upon a respectable recommendation in favor of Mr John Hays, of the County of Northumberland, the Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned him to be a Justice of the

Peace, in and for the district of the township of Buffaloe in the said County.

Friday February 3rd 1797.

William Hayes was appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the townships of Derry and London Derry in the County of Dauphin: and James Montgomery, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Unity in the County of Westmoreland.

Saturday February 4th 1797.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Huntingdon having made a Return of an Election, held in the said County of Militia Officers, to supply vacancies, to the Governor, commissions were ordered to issue, to the Gentlemen therein named, and the same were issued accordingly vizt: Richard McGuire Captain, James McGuire Lieutenant, and Joseph Burgoon Ensign, of a Company of Rifle men formed on the frontiers of the County and attached to the 1st Battalion in 1st Regiment.

John Robertson Lieut. of 1st Company in the 1st Regiment.

Ludwick Hoover Lieut. of 2^d Company in the 2^d Regiment.

Abraham Hildebrand Capt. of 3^d Company in the 2^d Regiment.

Adam Keith Lieut. —same—same—

John Nelson Captain of the 8th Company—same.

Joseph Patton Captain of the 5th Company—same.

Robert Allison Lieut. of the —same—same.

Daniel Rothrack Ensign of the —same—same.

John Boyd, Captain	} of a Rifle Company attached to the second Battalion second Regiment.
George Every Lieutenant	
Edward Beatty Ensign	

James Climan Lieut. of the 3^d Company in the 3^d Regiment.

Richard Doyle Capt. of the 5th Company in the same Regt

David Coyle Capt. of the 7 Company in the same Regt

Tuesday February 7th 1797.

An Act or Instrument of Incorporation of the Trustees of the English Presbyterian Church in Allen Town in the County of Northampton, being presented to the Governor, with a certificate of approbation, by the Judges of the Supreme

Court and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth—the same was approved and confirmed by him and transmitted for inrollment to Matthew Irwin, agreeably to act of Assembly of the sixth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Upon Report to the Governor, from the Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, the said Master Warden was requested and instructed to cause the Port holes of the Ship Mary, now lying in this Port, to be immediately closed, and the Vessel put in the same condition, in which she has acted hitherto—and the said Report and the above instructions to the Master Warden was communicated to James McHenry, Esquire, Secretary at War, for the information of the President of the United States.

The Governor, this day, remitted the forfeiture of two hundred and fifty pounds, due to the Commonwealth from a certain William Irvine of the County of Allegheny, who became bound by recognizance for the appearance of a certain Francis Kendrick, charged with Larceny in the said County, but Kendrick not appearing, the recognizance became forfeited and the said William Irvine indebted to the Commonwealth in the before mentioned sum.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House of Representatives, in which the originated.

- I. An Act to authorize the Judges of Greene County or a majority of them, to held their Courts in or near the Town of Waynesborough.
- II. An Act to enable John Miller to erect a mill dam across Swatara Creek abutting, on his land about four miles below Jones's Town in the County of Dauphin.

Thursday, February 9th 1797.

Robert Fleming was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Upper-Bald Eagle Township in the County of Mifflin.

A Pardon was granted to Bernard Schaffer, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia for Assault and Battery, of which he was convicted and for which he was fined, in the sum of One hundred and ten dollars, and sentenced to fifteen months imprisonment at hard labour, on condition of his leaving the State forthwith not to Return.

Information was given to the Governor by William Laurence Blair of an Escheat to the Commonwealth of real and personal Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia, by the death of Peter Bonadventure D'Artis, without heirs or known kindred.

Friday February 10th 1797.

Samuel Bond was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the townships of Mahoning and Chillisquaque.

Monday February 13th 1797.

Jacob Bowman was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Manallin in the County of Fayette, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Returns of the General Elections from the several districts, within this Commonwealth of thirteen persons to serve in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States for the term of two years, to commence from and after the fourth day of March next, being now received, the Governor issued the following Proclamation vizt:—
Pennsylvania sst:—

In the Name and by the Authority of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By Thomas Mifflin
Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A Proclamation

Whereas, it is provided, in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, entitled, "An Act to provide for the Election of Representatives of the People of this State, in the Congress of the United States," passed on the twenty second day of April, in the year, one thousand seven hundred and ninety four. That the Governor having received the returns of the Election, from the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, and the respective Sheriffs of the several other Counties of this Commonwealth, shall declare, by Proclamation, the name of the person or persons to him returned, as duly elected in each respective district:—
And whereas, it appears, from the Returns of the General Election, held on the eleventh day of October last, in and for the several districts herein after specified, that the fol-

lowing named persons were duly elected therein, respectively to serve in the house of Representatives, of the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years, to commence from and after the fourth day of March next, that is to say:—

1. In the district of the City of Philadelphia John Swanwick
2. In the district of the County of Philadelphia Blair McClenachan,
3. In the district of the Counties of Chester and Delaware, Richard Thomas.
4. In the district of the Counties of Bucks, Northampton and Montgomery, Samuel Sitgreaves & John Chapman.
5. In the district of the Counties of Berks and Luzerne, George Ege.
6. In the district of the Counties of Dauphin Northumberland and Lycoming, John Andre Hanna.
7. In the district of the County of Lancaster, John Wilkes Kittera.
8. In the district of the County of York, Thomas Hartley.
9. In the district of the Counties of Cumberland and Mifflin, Andrew Gregg.
10. In the district of the Counties of Bedford Franklin and Huntingdon David Bard.
11. In the district of the Counties of Westmoreland and Fayette, William Findley.
12. In the district of the Counties of Washington Allegheny and Greene, Albert Gallatin.

Now, therefore, I have issued this Proclamation:—Hereby publishing and declaring, That the said John Swanwick, Blair McClenachan, Richard Thomas, Samuel Sitgreaves John Chapman, George Ege, John Andre Hanna, John Wilkes Kittera, Thomas Hartley, Andrew Gregg, David Bard, William Findley and Albert Gallatin, are duly elected and chosen as Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years, to commence from the said fourth day of March next.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Commonwealth the Twenty first.

By the Governor.

A. J. Dallas

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

A Contract was concluded, this day, between the Governor, in behalf of the Commonwealth, of the one part; and William Findley of Chanceford Township York County for laying out and expending the sum of Two hundred dollars in improving a Road leading from McCalls or Newberry's ferry on the River Susquehanna so as to intersect the Road leading from York Town to Peach Bottom Ferry between William Dougherty's and Charles William Portters' on said Road, of which expenditure the said William Finley is to keep a true and faithful account and report the same to the Governor with the objects of improvement.

The Gentlemen named in the Proclamation which was issued this day, were severally notified of their Election as Members of the House of Representatives, in Congress for the next two years; and the several official Returns of their Election were transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.

Tuesday February 14th 1797.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, on condition of leaving the State forthwith not to return, in compliance with the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the said City and County. Vizt:—

Henry Grimm, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's to two years imprisonment at hard, labour and fined twelve pounds with Costs &c.

Job Beef, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to two years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined fifteen pounds with Costs of suit &c.

Rich^d Hill, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to be imprisoned one year and six months, and fined Eleven dollars with Costs &c.

Peter Grant, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to pay a fine of Thirty two pounds to the Commonwealth, with Costs of suit &c. and to be imprisoned two years at hard labour

Rose Thornton, now confined in the Jail of the County of Chester having been convicted of Larceny upon two indictments and sentenced to be imprisoned twelve Calendar Months and fined seventeen shillings and nine pence, for the

first offence, and for the second offence to a like imprisonment at hard labour and fined forty seven pounds eighteen shillings and six pence

The Governor this day approved and signed the following Acts, and a Resolution of the General Assembly; and the Secretary returned the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated, vizt:—

I.—An Act to authorize Paul Frazier to erect a dam across Shearman's Creek.

II.—An Act for the relief of Robert Semple.

—A Resolution directing the mode of electing a Senator, to represent this State in the Senate of the United States

A Certificate of the Citizenship of George Sibbald of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant, was this day issued under the Great Seal and signed by the Governor.

Wednesday February 15th 1797.

Letters were written to the Speaker of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth inclosing to each an account of disbursements for the contingent expenses of the Executive Department for the year commencing the fourth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety six; and on estimate of the probable contingencies of the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven eight, inclusive of the salaries of Clerks.

Thursday February 16th 1797.

The opinion of the Attorney General was this day requested on the doubt entertained by Judge Addison, whether the appointment of Judge Minor, in the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County, while he held a seat in the Legislature, was constitutional.

Friday February 17th 1797.

Andrew Boggs, was appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Washington and township of Fallowfield.

Saturday February 18th 1797.

A Certificate of the Citizenship of George Frederick Stume of Philadelphia was this day issued under the Great Seal and signed by the Governor.

Monday February 20th 1797.

John Kinkead was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Bart and Colerain in the County of Lancaster.

Tuesday February 21st 1797.

Samuel Elder was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the township of Wheatfield in the County of Westmoreland.

The Surveyor Generals appointment of Philip Meyer to be a Deputy Surveyor of all that part of Berks County lying Northward of the great Road leading from Pottsgrove through Reading by Ellis Hughes's and Francis Yarnell's to Fort Augusta late of Henry Vanderslice decd this day received the approbation and consideration of the Governor, who accepted George Ege and Peter Frailey, Esquires, as sureties, from whom a Bond was taken in due form.

The Governor this approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated. Vizt:—

- I.—An Act to afford relief to certain distressed French Emigrants.
- II.—An Act for raising by way of Lottery the sum of Twenty thousand dollars to be applied to the erection of a Stone arch bridge over Perquominn-creek, in the County of Montgomery on the Road leading from Philadelphia to the Borough of Reading.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Westmoreland having made returns of Elections of Militia Officers to supply vacancies in the Militia of the said County, the Governor, this day, ordered that Commissions should issue to the Gentlemen therein named.

Wednesday February 22nd 1797.

John Frederick was appointed and commissioned a Justice

of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Mountjoy Ralpho and Donegall in the County of Lancaster.

Information was this day given to the Governor by William Laurence Blair of an Escheat to the Commonwealth of Real and Personal Estate, within the City of Philadelphia by the death of Andrew Brown, intestate without heir or known kindred; also of an Escheat by the Death of Peter Bonadventure D'Artis, Dartois or Dartwaw; also Elizabeth D'Artois, otherwise called Dartois; also Paul Vanakins and Elizabeth Vanakins otherwise called Elizabeth Martin, without heirs or known kindred

Thursday February 23^d 1797.

The fine of nine pounds, which was imposed upon Isaac Beere in the County of Northampton for not performing his tour of Militia duty in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, was this day remitted by the Governor.

The Governor being satisfied with a report made by the Master Warden of Philadelphia respecting the equipments of the Ship Mary, instructed the said Master Warden to remove any impediment to her departure, which was the consequence of previous orders. The said report was then communicated to the Secretary at War with the last order of the Governor to the Master Warden.

Saturday February 25th 1797.

In answer to a letter from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the 24th instant, the said Committee were informed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that there were three Clerks employed in his Office during the last year, at the following Salaries agreeably to the estimate furnished in his letter of the 20th of February 1796, vizt:—

Chief Clerk—nine hundred dollars.

Second Clerk—six hundred dollars.

Third Clerk—five hundred dollars.

Monday February 27th 1797.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assen.bly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House in which they originated, respectively.

I.—An Act to devise a particular form a Promissory Note not liable to any Plea of defalcation or set off.

II. An Act to declare Cohocksink creek a public Highway.

The Governor granted Pardons to the following named persons, vizt:—

Robert Baker convicted of Larceny in Philadelphia County and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions, to six months imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined two pounds, ten shillings, with Costs of suit &c.

John Williams, alias Paris, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour, for one year and fined seven pounds, fifteen shillings, with Costs of Prosecution &c.

Cato Williams convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and six months and fined sixty nine dollars, with Costs of suit &c.

George Welsh, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and fined in a sum equal to the value of the goods stolen.

Tuesday February 28th 1797.

The Governor, this day, received, from the Attorney General an answer to the question, which was stated for his opinion on the sixteenth of this month—the opinion founded upon a letter from Judge Addison, was in the words following to wit:—

“I am of opinion, for the reasons stated by Judge Addison, in his letter to the Governor, dated the 10th Ulta that the appointment of Mr John Minor as therein recited who contrary to the Constitution, and that his Commission under such circumstances, will not authorise him to exercise the office of a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Greene. February 28th

Jared Ingersoll”

The said Opinion being approved by the Governor John Minor was day re-appointed an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Greene, and a new Commission was issued to him accordingly.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar within this Commonwealth, for one year, on foot, was granted to Aaron Levy junior upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia and Bond given according to law.

Wednesday March 1st 1797.

The Governor this day signed eighteen Patents for Town and Out-lots in the reserved tract of land opposite Pittsburgh agreeably to the following Report from Presley Neville Esquire of the County of Allegheny, who with John Wilkins Esquire of the same place was duly authorized by the Governor to make sale thereof according to law. For the instructions see letter Book — page 410

The Report, above alluded to was as follows vizt:—

“Sale of Town and Out lots in the reserved tract opposite Pittsburgh.

Town Lots.	Out Lots.	Purchasers Names	Price sold for	Money recd	Remarks
No.-79.	No.-11.	Presley Nevill	£118- 0-0	£59- 0-0	
80.	-12.	William Irvine	78- 0-0	39- 0-0	
9.	-179.	James Robinson	52- 0-0	26- 0-0	{ purchased by mistake, not paid
10.	-180.	Do Do	55- 0-0	27-10-0	
11.	-181.	Isaac Craig	85- 0-0	42-10-0	
40.	-183.	Do Do	50- 0-0	.....
72.	254.	James Brison	96- 0-0	48- 0-0	
106.	-255.	James Robinson	65- 0-0	32-10-0	{ not any part the lot good for nothing
100.	-256.	John Park	90- 0-0	45- 0-0	
85.	-237.	John Davidson	20- 0-0	10- 0-0	
121.	236.	David Evans	11- 0-0	5-10-0	
122.	235.	Do Do	20- 0-0	10- 0-0	
16.	-229.	Jacob Whitezell	40- 0-0	20- 0-0	
17.	-228.	John Park	27- 0-0	13-10-0	
18.	227.	Do. Do.	40- 0-0	20- 0-0	
19.	226.	Do. Do.	40- 0-0	20- 0-0	August 1st, 1796 Presley Neville”
20.	225.	Do. Do.	40- 0-0	20- 0-0	
14.	231.	Joseph Ashton	71- 0-0	35-10-0	
123.	234.	Matthew Ernest	37-10-0	18-15-0	
			£1035-10-0	£492-15-0	

(Endorsed on the said Report)

“One half of the within purchase money is paid; and the parties are entitled to their patents on payment of the other half. Col. Neville, for the convenience of the Purchasors wishes to carry the Patents with him to Pittsburgh and will sign an Obligation to make himself responsible for the balance.”

A. J. Dallas
2 March 1797.

The Obligation above alluded to is in the words following vizt:—

“Received of the Secretary of the Commonwealth the Patents in favor of the within Purchasors for their respective Lots, which I promise to deliver to the respective Patentees, on their paying (but not otherwise) the remaining moiety of the purchase money. And I hereby undertake either to

return the said Patents, or to pay the amount of the purchase money due on such of them as are not returned.

Philadelphia }
March 8th 1797 }

Presley Neville"

"The Patents mentioned in the above Receipt were eighteen in number.

Presley Neville"

Thursday March 2nd 1797.

William Hepburn and Samuel Stewart, Esquires, of Mifflin County this day appeared and offered themselves to the Governor as sureties to indemnify the Commonwealth against a Certificate for sixty four pounds six shillings and eight pence of funded debt number 106 granted to John Skilling for the Principal and interest upon which provision was made by an Act of the General Assembly passed the twenty eighth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety six—and the Governor having accepted of them as such, a Bond was executed in due form.

Friday March 3^d 1797.

Licences were, this day, granted to Laurence Connelly and Peter Hoffman, to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Commonwealth, for one year, on foot, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bonds given according to law.

The Legislature having by an Act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, directed a House to be built for the accommodation of the President of the United States and the same being nearly compleated, the Governor, this day, made a tender of it to His Excellency John Adams, Esquire, President of the United States Elect, for his accommodation;—and the President was informed that the Rent for which he can obtain any other suitable house in Philadelphia, will be considered as a sufficient compensation for the one now offered.

Saturday March 4th 1797.

The Governor, this day granted a Pardon to William Williams and William Brown, who have been convicted of Forgery, in the County of Chester at a Court of Oyer and Ter-

miner and General Quarter Sessions and Jail delivery held on the twentieth of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven in compliance with a general and respectable recommendation, from several members of the General Assembly and a number of Inhabitants of Berks and Chester Counties.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, with one horse within this Commonwealth, was granted to Thomas Moode, upon a recommendation of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Bedford; and Bond given according to law.

The Governor this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House in which they respectively originated.

- I. An Act to enable the owners and occupiers of a certain tract of marsh and meadow land, therein described situate in the township of Derby and County of Delaware to keep the Banks, dams, sluices and flood-gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expense thereof
 - II. An Act declaring part of Fishing Creek in Lycoming County a Public Highway.
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Monday March 6th 1797.

John Craig was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny in the township of Pitt, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Tuesday March 7th 1797.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon George Crosley, in Bucks County, for keeping a Tippling-house, was this day remitted.

Wednesday March 8th 1797.

A Scheme of a Lottery in conformity to the Act of the General Assembly which was passed on the twenty first day of February last, authorizing certain Commissioners therein named to raise the sum of Twenty thousand dollars for building a permanent stone bridge over the Perkiomin Creek was

this day presented to the Governor; and received his approbation. A Bond was also taken from the Commissioners named in the said Act in the sum of Forty thousand dollars for their faithful discharge of all the duties enjoined upon them, by the said Act of Assembly, respectively.

Thursday March 9th 1797.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Peter Foddle for keeping a Tippling house in the County of Philadelphia, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Friday March 10th 1797.

The Governor, this day, granted a Pardon to Godfrey Belcher alias Pilgrim, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Berks, and sentenced to be imprisoned at hard labour for two years, and fined in a sum equal to the value of the goods stolen, in compliance with a recommendation from the members of the General Assembly from that County.

The Governor took into consideration the Act of General Assembly, for the relief of Robert Sample, passed on the fourteenth day of February last—and Isaac Vanhorne one of the Representatives of the County of Bucks in the General Assembly being now offered in this case to indemnify the Commonwealth against a Patent, which was granted to the said Robert Sample, for five hundred Acres of donation land on the seventeenth day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty six, and is since lost—he was accepted by the Governor:—and a Bond was taken from the said Robert Sample and his surety Isaac Vanhorne, agreeably to the directions of the Act of General Assembly aforesaid.

Saturday March 11th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to William Dee, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday March 13th 1797.

The Governor took into consideration a return of the last General Election of coroners, held in and for the County of

Cumberland; and thereupon appointed and commissioned David Snider to be Coroner of the said County, he having had the highest number of votes at the said Election, for the said office;—the Governor then accepted Thomas Buchanan and William McFarlane of the said County as his sureties; and the Recorder of the said County was instructed to take the security required by law, for David Sniders faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office according to law.

Wednesday March 15th 1797.

The following Gentlemen were appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Justices of the Peace vizt:

John Hanna for the district of the townships of Pine-creek Loyalsock and Lycoming in the County of Lycoming.

William Levis for the district of the Borough of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland.

John Brodhead for the district of Lower Smithfield in the County of Northampton.

Information was given to the Governor by William Lawrence Blair of an Escheat to the Commonwealth both of Real and Personal Estate, in the County of Philadelphia, by the death of Peter Benignus Audibert, intestate, and without Heirs &c. and this day filed.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Pierre (a Negro) who had been convicted of receiving Stolen Goods knowing them to be such and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of Three hundred and four dollars, and to suffer an imprisonment at hard labour for the term of two years &c.

Tuesday March 16th 1797.

A Message from the Governor was presented to both Houses of the Legislature communicating a Report from the Inspectors of the Prison of Philadelphia, tracing the pecuniary operations of the institution and exhibiting in the result, after defraying every incidental expense an existing credit of Three thousand and forty dollars and ninety five cents arising from the labour of the prisoners and the Stock of the Prison.

Saturday March 18th 1797.

Information was given to the Governor by Henry Stoneman of an Escheat to the Commonwealth of considerable

personal Estate in the County of Philadelphia, by the death of Rachel Griffith, intestate, without heirs or known kindred—and this day filed.

Monday March 20th 1797.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the house of Representatives, in which the originated, vizt:

I. A Supplement to the Penal laws of this State.

II. An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applications for Donation Lands.

III. An Act to afford relief to Washington Academy in the County of Washington.

Upon a request made to the Governor by the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, that he would instruct the State Officers in the receipt of Public Monies to deposit the same in the said Bank agreeably to law—Circular letters were written by the Governor to such officers instructing them accordingly.

Tuesday March 21st 1797.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the General Christian Church of the German Protestant Reformed Congregation in Lower Sancon Township in the County of Northampton, being certified to the Governor, by the Attorney General and the Judges of the Supreme Court, that the objects articles and conditions therein contained are lawful—the same was approved and confirmed by him, and transmitted to Matthew Irwin, Esquire, for inrollment agreeably to the provisions of An Act of General Assembly of the sixth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

The Governor this day approved and signed three Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary returned the same to the House in which they respectively originated, vizt:

I.—“An Act to extend an Act, entitled a further Supplement to the Act entitled An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

II.—“An Act to enable the administrators of the Estate of James Paterson, deceased, by leave of the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County to convey a certain tract of land to George Crider.”

III.—“ An Act for the erection of certain Election districts and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

A letter from the Attorney General was presented to the Governor informing him that a Cause between the Commonwealth and John Nicholson, Esquire, the late Comptroller General of the Accounts of this Commonwealth is to be tried this week; and requesting a fee of one hundred pounds for his services therein in behalf of the Commonwealth:—whereupon the Governor approved, and the Attorney General and the Officers of Accounts were informed thereof, and an account passed accordingly.

Thursday March 23^d 1797.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary returned the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated, vizt:—

I—“An Act Supplementary to the Act, entitled An Act to provide for distributing the laws of the United States, and certain laws of the Commonwealth, and for re-printing the provincial and State Laws, passed prior to the second day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.”

II.—“An Act to release all claims, on the part of the Commonwealth, to certain lands within the manor, or reputed manor, of Maske, in the County of York.”

The Governor this day appointed and Commissioned George Buchanan a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Hopewell in the County of Huntingdon in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year from the date hereof, was this day granted to Christian Haurse upon a recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Friday March 24th 1797.

The Governor, this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary returned the same, to the House in which they originated, respectively, vizt:—

I—“An Act to erect the town of Sunbury in the County of Northumberland, into a Borough.”

II—"An Act to provide for educating John Konkapot, junior a Youth of the Stockbridge tribe of Oneida Indians, and for the relief of John Konkapot, senior."

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia upon the recommendation of the Board of Inspectors of the said Jail, vizt:—

John Johnston, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to two years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined seven pounds ten shillings, with costs of Suit, &c.

Rachel Harman, who was convicted of the like offence, and sentenced by, the said Court, to one years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined six dollars, with costs, &c.

Thomas Fitzimons, who was convicted of the like offence, and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined three pounds, with Costs of suit &c.

Joseph Barnsley, who was convicted of the like offence and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of nine months, and fined three dollars with Costs of suit &c.

Jane Cash who was convicted of the like offence and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of nine months, and fined fifteen dollars with Costs of suit &c.

Patrick Kaighn, who was convicted of the like offence and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of six months, and fined eighteen shillings with Costs of Suit &c.

John Conner, who was convicted of the like offence and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of nine months, and fined five dollars with Costs of suit &c.

John Thomas, who was convicted of the like offence and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of three months, and fined eleven shillings and three pence, with Costs of suit &c.

In compliance with a recommendation in favor of Peter Emmert of the County of Franklin, from a number of respectable Inhabitants of the said County, the Governor, this day, granted him a remission of a fine, of ten pounds, which was imposed upon him in December Sessions A D 1796 by

the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County, for keeping a Tippling-house.

Monday March 27th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Daniel Yost to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Upper Hanover Marborough and Upper Salford in the County of Northampton; and William McClelland to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Montgomery in the County of Franklin.

The fine of sixty dollars which was imposed upon Elizabeth Hyton, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, upon being convicted of Horse stealing in the said County, was this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

A letter was written by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, by direction of the Governor to the Executive of the Commonwealth of Virginia, acknowledging the receipt of two Books, containing certain laws of that Commonwealth.

Tuesday March 28th 1797.

This day William Gerr and William Early were appointed Justices of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Potters in the County of Mifflin.

The Governor, this day certified that the Commissioners of the County of Philadelphia previously to their making any repairs to the Senate Chamber of the Congress Hall applied to him for his approbation, with an assurance, that he would recommend it to the Legislature at their next Session to make provision for re-imbursing the Commissioners for such repairs as should be found indispensably necessary.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year, was granted to James Ward, upon recommendation of the Court of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The Governor appointed and commissioned John Adlum Esquire, to be the Brigadier General of the Brigade composed of the Militia of the County of Lycoming, agreeably to the Act of General Assembly for the regulation of the Militia of this Commonwealth, passed the eleventh of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

The Governor, this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same, to the House in which they respectively originated, vizt:—

I.—“An Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth.”

II.—“An Act to incorporate the citizens of this State Members of the aggregate corporation for the relief of the Widows and Children of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, for the better management of their share and proportion of the funds and estate of the said aggregate corporation upon a division of the same being made with the members of the said corporation Citizens of the States of New-York and New-Jersey.”

III.—“An Act to repeal an Act, passed the thirty first day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, entitled “An Act to ascertain the boundary lines of a tract of land in York County, called Carol’s delight, and to provide for surveying the same and for other purposes therein mention.”

IV.—“An Act to authorise the Governor of the Commonwealth to incorporate a company, for erecting a bridge over the river Lehigh near the town of Northampton.”

Wednesday March 29th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker or Pedlar, on foot, for one year within this Commonwealth, from this date was, this day, granted to Edmund McLaughlin, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bond given according to law.

Thursday March 30th 1797.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:

David Whitehill for the district of Potters Township in the County of Mifflin.

Thomas McCormick for the district of the township of White Deer and Washington; and

James Parks for the district of the township of Buffaloe both in and for the County of Northumberland.

James Crawford for the district of Loyalsock Lycoming and Pine Creek in the County of Lycoming.

Robert Dickey for the district of the Township of Hempfield in the County of Westmoreland.

Samuel Cunningham for the district of the township of Pitt in the County of Allegheny.

A Patent was issued under the Great Seal to John Leibert of Germantown in the County of Philadelphia for barrack lot No. Sixty seven in the township of the Northern Liberties on the East side of Third Street continued containing in breadth north and south on said Third Street twenty feet and in length or depth east and west one hundred and twelve feet from said Street to Alley. Consideration in principal and interest Five hundred and twenty two dollars and seventeen cents.

Friday March 31st 1797.

Two Acts of Incorporation one of the Society of Victuallers in the City and County of Philadelphia; and the other of the Lancaster Library Company, being presented to the Governor with a Certificate of approbation by the Judges of the Supreme Court, and Attorney General of the Commonwealth the same were approved and confirmed by the Governor, and were transmitted to Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Master of the Rolls for Pennsylvania, for inrollment, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of General Assembly of the fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

James Kelley was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Derry and London Derry in the County of Dauphin upon a respectable recommendation.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Thomas Hinkson by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, upon his being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, in the said County, was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

This day the Governor approved and signed the following act of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House in which they respectively originated, vizt:—

I.—“A Supplement to the Act entitled an Act to provide for altering the Building appropriated as a Goal for Criminals.”

II.—“An Act for the erection of an Election district in Northampton County.”

III.—“An Act to erect a separate Election district in the County of Lancaster.”

IV.—“An Act making a new arrangement of election districts in the County of Montgomery.”

Saturday April 1st 1797.

Samuel Davis was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the township of Greenwood in the County of Mifflin upon a respectable recommendation.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House, in which they respectively originated, vizt:—

I.—“An Act to provide for the settlement of the estates of deceased officers and soldiers, who served in the Pennsylvania line, during the late war.”

II.—“An Act to regulate the manner of selling loaf bread, and to repeal certain existing laws respecting the same.”

III.—“An Act for the erection of certain election districts in the County of Berks.”

Monday April 3rd 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Pedlar and Hawker, with one Horse, for one year from this date, within this Commonwealth, was this day granted to Michael McGuire, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to a certain John Creighton who was convicted in the County of Dauphin in December one thousand seven hundred and and ninety six, of counterfeiting french crowns and dollars or pieces of eight; and was sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for the space of ten years, (one whereof to be confined in the solitary cells) and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of one hundred dollars with Costs of prosecution &c.

Tuesday April 4th 1797.

Willoughby Mayberry, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Upper Salford, Marlborough and Upper Hanover

in the County of Montgomery, in the room and stead of John Jolly, Esquire, whose resignation the Governor this accepted.

A fine of nine pounds which was imposed upon Adam Stone in the County of Montgomery, for not performing his tour of militia duty, when called out upon the western expedition, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, agreeably to the Act of General Assembly for the regulation of the Militia of this Commonwealth, passed the eleventh day of April 1793, was this day remitted by the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The Governor approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House, in which they respectively originated, vizt:—

I.—“An Act Supplementary to the act, entitled An Act to direct the descent of intestates real estate and distribution of their personal estates, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

II.—“An Act for distribution of certain monies recovered under the late Bankrupt laws of this Commonwealth.”

The Governor having been informed that the Contracts for improving the navigation of French-creek; and for opening a Road from French Creek to Presq'-isle on Lake Erie has been totally neglected, the Contractors and their sureties were informed that unless they shall execute the Contract in the course of the approaching summer, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth will be instructed to institute a suit against them.

The fine of five dollars, which was imposed upon Ambrose Fitzgerald, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Chester, upon being convicted of an Assault and Battery, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Christian Stake was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Manor in the County of Lancaster, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House in which they respectively, originated.

A question was this day stated for the opinion of the Attorney General; for which see minutes of the 7th of this month.

Wednesday April 5th 1797.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Resolved Sessions a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Tioga in the County of Luzerne.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated, respectively, vizt.

I.—“An Act making provision for the employment of an additional number of clerks in the Offices of the Surveyor General, Receiver General and Secretary of the Land Office.”

II.—“An Act to establish a separate representation for the Counties of Somerset, Lycoming and Greene to represent them in the House of Representatives of this Commonwealth.”

III.—“An Act to continue an Act entitled “An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in repair the public Roads and Highways within this province.”

IV.—“An Act to authorise Thomas Procter to commence a suit against the Commonwealth, upon certain claims which he has against the same.

V.—“An Act to amend and continue an Act entitled and Act for establishing a Board of of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

VI.—“An Act directing the sale of such of the barrack and City lots as remain the property of this Commonwealth.”

VII.—“An Act to appoint a Trustee for Mifflin County.”

VIII.—“An Act to empower Jonathan Jarret of the County of Montgomery to sell and convey certain lands therein specified.”

IX.—“An Act making appropriations and to enjoin certain duties on the Comptroller General, Register General and State Treasurer, as well as for other purposes therein mentioned.”

A Message from the Governor was presented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to both Houses of the Legislature informing them that the Bill entitled “An Act to regulate the General Elections held within this Commonwealth.” was not presented for the consideration of the Governor till six o'clock in the evening of the day appointed for the adjournment of the Legislature and it is, therefore, impracticable during the present session to form a correct opinion of the principles and details of a system so extensive and so important, he has thought it proper to give the legislature by

this message an early intimation of his intention to keep the subject under advisement.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Patrick McMullan, who was convicted of stealing a Bull, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Montgomery, to a servitude at hard labour, and to pay a fine to the Commonwealth equal to value of the Bull.

Thursday April 6th 1797.

A copy of an Act of the General Assembly passed in the last Session providing for the maintenance and education of John Konkapot junior, was transmitted to Clement Biddle Esquire, who was requested to make some arrangement for carrying the provisions of the said act into effect.

Friday April 7th 1797.

An Act for the incorporation of "the Union Society of Philadelphia," being presented to the Governor with a certificate of approbation from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the same was approved and confirmed by him, and transmitted for enrollment to Matthew Irwin Esquire, agreeably to the Act of Assembly of the 6th of April 1791.

The following is the question stated for the opinion of the Attorney General, referred to in the minutes of the 4th instant, with the opinion, to wit:

Sir

Be good enough to compare the laws respecting donation lands, and inform the Governor, whether "the legal representatives," mentioned in the Act, 3^d Vol. pa. 756. Sec. 4. are to be considered the legal representatives of the Officers killed in public service, generally, or must be confined to the legal representatives of "the widow and children," entitled originally to the donation, by 2^d Vol. pa. 269. sec. 4.

April 4th 1797

I am sincerely

To the Attorney General
of Pennsylvania.

Yrs.

A. J. Dallas

Sir.

"It appears to me that all the legal representatives of any person deceased, are entitled to the benefit of the Act of

April 17th 1795, whether they are representatives of the widow and children of the Officers, or of the Officers themselves where perhaps there were no widow or children.

April 4th 1797

Jared Ingersoll"

A. J. Dallas Esquire.

Saturday April 8th 1797.

The Governor being absent, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, wrote a letter to Jonathan Penrose, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, for the district of Southwark communicating to him an opinion of the Attorney General, recommending, that under the present circumstances, an application should be made to the magistrates of Southwark, to order a patrol of Constables, to that part of Southwark, where the late—irregularities (between the crew of the Squirrel Sloop of War and sundry inhabitants on shore) have been committed, with strict injunctions to apprehend all persons offending, and to bring them before some magistrate, to be dealt with according to law.

Monday April 10th 1797.

An Act for the incorporation of "The Frederick Town Library company," being presented to the Governor, with a certificate of approbation, from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor; and transmitted for inrollment, to the Master of the Rolls of Pennsylvania, agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly of the sixth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Tuesday April 11th 1797.

Upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, the Governor granted Pardons to the following named Persons, who are now confined in the Jail aforesaid, vizt:—

John Young, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to undergo an imprisonment at hard labour, and to pay a fine of £25:15:0 with costs of Prosecution &c.

Toby Morris, who was convicted of "the crime against nature," and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for ten years and to pay the Costs of Prosecution &c.

John alias Thomas Smith McCloud, who was convicted, of Larceny in the County of Delaware, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of fifteen months, and fined four pounds three shillings with costs of Prosecution &c.

William Davis, who was convicted of Horse stealing and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of five years, and to pay a fine of ninety pounds, with costs of prosecution &c.

John McMacken, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and to pay a fine of six pounds with costs of prosecution &c.

Richard O. Daniel, who was convicted of Horse stealing, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to an Imprisonment at hard labour for the space of four years, and fined forty five pounds, with costs of prosecution &c.

George Johnston, who was convicted of Larceny upon two Indictments, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of two years and fined fifteen pounds, with costs of suit &c.

John Seiffner, who was convicted of Forgery upon two Indictments and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northampton to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and fined £14:10:0, with costs of prosecution &c.

Anthony Murray, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of three years, and to pay a fine of £ 16:0:0 with costs of Prosecution &c.

John Phillips, who was convicted of a Misdemeanor in entering the House of Christopher Slearheart and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for one month, and to pay a fine of £ 10:0:0 with costs of Prosecution &c.

A Licence to travel as a Hawker and Pedlar, with one horse for one year within this Commonwealth, was granted to Charles Brugiere, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond given according to law.

Wednesday April 12th 1797.

The Governor, this day, requested the Attorney General to enter a Noli Prosqui in case of a Deserter from the Squirrel

Sloop of War, who has been committed to the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia on a charge of Larceny.

Thursday April 13th 1797.

The Governor this day, appointed and commissioned Nathaniel Falconer Master Warden, and Joseph Anthony, Magnus Miller, George Ord, William Allen, John Maxwell Nesbitt, and Robert Bethel, assistant Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, agreeably to the first Section of an Act of the General Assembly, passed the eleventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety three entitled an Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia and for other purposes therein mentioned:—for which see 3 vol. of Penna. Laws pa. 422.

Information was given to the Governor by William Laurence Blair, of an Escheat to the Commonwealth of both real and personal Estate by the death of Lawrence Borgeson intestate with out heirs or known kindred, which was filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Upon application of the President and Managers of the two Canal Companies, vizt:—The Susquehanna and Schuylkill company, and The Schuylkill and Delaware canal company, a Commission was issued to Frederick Kuhl, James Ash and George Budd of the City and County of Philadelphia. in the words following, to wit:—

“Pennsylvania sst

{ Less Seal of the State }	In the Name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,
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Tho. Mifflin

Thomas Mifflin Governor of the said Commonwealth

To Frederick Kuhl, James Ash and George Budd of the City and County of Philadelphia Gentlemen sends Greeting:

Whereas the President and managers of the two several companies for opening a canal navigation between the Rivers Schuylkill and Susquehanna and the Rivers Delaware and Schuylkill have duly certified to me, that three fifth parts of the tickets of the canal Lottery No. 2 have been sold agreeably to an act of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed on the seventeenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five entitled “An Act to enable the President and Managers of the Schuylkill and Susquehanna navigation & the President & Managers of the Dela-

ware and Schuylkill Canal navigation to raise by way of Lottery the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of completing the works in their acts of corporation mentioned" and the several supplements thereto:—Now know Ye, that in pursuance of the authority to me by law in such case given I *have* and by these present *do* appoint you the said Frederick Kuhl, James Ash and George Budd Commissioners to Superintend the drawing of the said Lottery.

Given under my hand and the less Seal of the State, at Philadelphia this thirteenth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Commonwealth the twenty first.

By the Governor:

A. J. Dallas, Secretary.

Saturday April 15th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and Commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:—

Mahlon Milnor for the district of the townships of Middletown and Falls in the County of Bucks, in the room of William Dean whose resignation of said office, was this day accepted by the Governor.

John Hermanni for the township and district of Fannet in the County of Franklin.

John Grubb and John Barron for the district of the township of Meade, in the County of Allegheny; all of whom are well recommended to the Governor.

The fine of five dollars, which was imposed, by the Mayor's Court of Philadelphia, held this month, upon James Mc Cutcheon, for an assault and Battery, was, this day, remitted.

William Ewing, of the County of Northampton, was, this day appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Irwin in the County of Allegheny.

Monday April 17th 1797.

The resignation of Benjamin Davis of his Office of Measurer of all kinds of Salt and Corn, imported or brought into the Port and City of Philadelphia, for sale, was, this day, accepted by the Governor; and thereupon Thomas Burke was appointed

to the said Office in the room and stead of the said Benjamin Davis and he was commissioned accordingly.

Information was given to the Governor by William Laurence Blair of an escheat to the Commonwealth of both real and personal Estate, within the County of Philadelphia by the death of Samuel Drew, intestate, without heirs or known kindred—and the same was filed in the Secretary's Office.

Tuesday, April 18th 1797.

The following named Gentlemen were appointed and Commissioned to be Justices of the Peace in compliance with respectable recommendations, vizt:

Frederick Evans for the district of Penns and Beaver dam townships; James Reynolds for the district of the township of Potters; and Jacob Gerhardt junior for the district of Shamokin and Catawissey, all in the county of Northumberland.

Wednesday April 19th 1797.

An Act for the incorporation of the Society for promoting learning amongst the Baptist Churches holding Believers Baptism by immersion only, annually meeting in association in Philadelphia, being presented to the Governor, with a certificate of approbation from the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor and transmitted for inrollment to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth, agreeably to Act of Assembly passed the sixth of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Michael Simpson was this day appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Newberry in the County York.

Thursday, April 20th 1797.

Pardons were this day granted by the Governor to the following named Persons, vizt:—

John Dixon, who was convicted in the County of Bucks of "Involuntary Manslaughter" and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County to undergo a servitude at hard labour from the time of Conviction, to wit, February 1797, to the first day of February 1798, & pay costs of prosecution &c.

James McMullen, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of three years, and fined thirty seven dollars and fifty Cents, with costs of prosecution &c.

Friday, April 21st 1797.

The Brigade Inspector having presented a return of the Election of nine Militia Officers for the City of Philadelphia—commissions under the less Seal and signed by the Governor, were issued in due form to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:

Ebenezer Furgeson Captain	} Regt of Artillery
Bartholomew Baker Capt. Lieut.	
William Skinner 2 ^d Lieutent.	
James Reid 3 ^d Do	} Third Co 4 th Regt.
James Hutz Captain	
Henry Belings Ensign	
James Senney Ensign of the first Company 2 ^d Regt.	
Charles Carson Ensign of the third Do. —Do.	

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot, within the Commonwealth for one year, was granted to Daniel Camron, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond given as the law directs.

Wednesday, April 26th 1797.

Henry Bunner, was, this day, appointed and commissioned, by the Governor, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Heidleberg in the County of Dauphin, in the room of William Wray Esquire, whose resignation the Governor this day accepted.

Pardons were this day granted by the Governor to the following named persons, vizt:

Susanna Nells, who was convicted of Larceny in March 1796, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the term of two years, and fined twelve pounds with costs of suit &c.

John Loree, who was convicted of assaulting and wounding Abraham Lewis Decomen and Cyprian Wallmer and was sentenced by the Mayor's Court to undergo a servitude at hard

labour for the space of two years from January 1797 the time of his conviction and in the sum of £50.0.0, with costs of suit &c.

Barbara Young, who was convicted of concealing the death of her bastard child, and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of three years, with costs of prosecution &c.

Thursday April 27th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a hawker and Pedlar on foot, within this Commonwealth for one year was granted to David McKenny, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Philada^a County; and Bond given according to law.

Tuesday, May 3^d 1797.

A Pardon was this day granted by the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation, to James Wallace, late Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, who was convicted in March 1797 of a misdemeanor in Office and was sentenced by the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth, to undergo imprisonment in the Common Jail of the County of Cumberland for six Calender Months, and to pay a fine to the use of the Commonwealth of two hundred dollars with costs of Prosecution &c.

Thursday May 4th 1797.

A Patent was this day issued to the Right Rev^d Doctor William White for Three hundred and one acres and, one hundred and fory one perches of land situate in the County of Northampton, which was forfeited by the attainder of Christian Hook, of High Treason, under an Act for the attainder of divers Traitors &c. dated the sixth of March 1778 and sold by Stephen Balliot Esqr (the Agent of the Commonwealth for that purpose specially appointed by the Governor) to the said Doctor W^m White for the sum of three hundred and sixty four dollars and ninety two Cents; which sum has been paid into the State Treasury.

Monday May 8th 1797.

Returns of Borough Officers elected in the Boroughs of Reading and Sunbury, the former in Berks County and the

latter in the County of Northumberland were this day received—vizt:

For the Borough of Reading

Jacob Bright and Christian Barranstine, Burgesses.

Peter Steckler, Frederick Keller, John Goodhart, and Samuel Homan, Assistant Burgesses.

John Spyker Clerk.

Christian Madera High Constable.

For the Borough of Sunberry

Henry Vanderslice Burgess

Tuesday, May 9th 1797.

Licences to follow the employment of Pedlars and Hawkers, on foot, for one year, from this date, within this Commonwealth, were granted to James Henry and Christopher Arputh upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia and Bonds given according to law.

Thursday, May 11th 1797.

Upon a respectable recommendation in favor of Alexander Snodgrass the Governor this day appointed and commissioned him to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Little Britain Township in the County of Lancaster in the room of Abraham Whitesides dead

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed by the Mayor's Court upon James Anderson for Fornication and Bastardy, was this day remitted.

Friday, May 12th 1797.

An Instrument for the Incorporation of the Union School in the Township of Whitemarsh in the County of Montgomery, being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate of approbation by the Judges and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and was transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire, Master of the Rolls, for inrollment, agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly of the sixth of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

A letter was written by the Governor to the President of the United States, requesting his sanction for the obtaining permission from the respective Governments in Europe, for

exporting 10,000 stands of Arms either from Great Britain, Holland or Hamburgh, for the Militia of Pennsylvania; and on the propriety of submitting to the consideration of Congress, the expediency of remitting the duties on the importation of the said arms into the United States.

Saturday, May 13th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Abraham Keagy and Peter Hay Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of Strasburgh and Lampeter in the County of Lancaster, and the latter for the district of Williams and Lower Saucon in the County of Northampton.

The Governor having received information from the War Office of the United States that in order to procure Soldiers rights to lands a number of Forgeries have been committed, that a number of Soldiers discharges as well as Letters of Attorney have been counterfeited—this day instructed the Land Officers of this Commonwealth from issuing any Patents for donation Lands till perfect satisfaction can be obtained.

Tuesday May 16th 1797.

Matthew Gilchreest was appointed a Justice of the of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Franklin in the County of Fayette.

The Attorney General having taken into consideration the allowance to be made to Mr Dallas for his services in collating the laws of this Commonwealth contained in the first volume and composing a complete Index thereto, this day made report in the following words to wit:

“Dear Sir.

I have taken a great of pains to come to conclusion on the subject of your valuable edition of the Laws.

The second volume was estimated at 500 Dollars, the present one is larger, I believe near a fourth the difference of money between the period of estimation and the present day is at least twenty five p. Cent. The notes in this edition are more important than those in the former.

Upon the whole labouring after a principle on which to found an opinion I have thought if you could be content with £1200.0., which is taking the former allowance as a lead-

ing circumstance, the matter may be ended if not with full Justice, yet with the sparing temper of the Legislature.

May 13, 1797

"To Mr Dallas
(endorsed)

Yrs. sincerely
J. Ingersoll."

Approved May 16. 1797

Tho Mifflin.

Which report received the approbation of the Governor and a certified copy thereof was transmitted to the Comptroller and Register General of Accounts with a Statement of Mr Dallas's account for said services.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Laurence Otto by the Mayor's Court for Fornication and Bastardy, was, this day, remitted, by the Governor.

A certain Peter Bambridge, having been charged on oath, with having committed a felony in the County of Bucks; and having fled from the Justice of that State, the Governor this day made a requisition to the Executives of the several States of North and South Carolina and Tennessee for delivery of the Fugitive if found within either of the said States.

Wednesday May 17th 1797.

Joseph Bowman was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the townships of Upper and Lower Mount Bethel, in the County of Northampton. And Ennion Williams, James Dunn and Robert Fitzgerald were also appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny, the first named Gentlemen for the district of the township of Irwin, and the two last for the district of the township of Mead.

Returns of Borough Officers for the Boroughs of Harrisburgh and Sunberry, the first mentioned in Dauphin County, and the last mentioned for the County of Northumberland, were now received by which it appeared that the following named Gentlemen, were duly elected Officers of the said Boroughs, vizt:—

For the Borough of Harrisburgh

Burgesses	{ William Graydon	sixty two Votes	62
	{ James Sayers	twenty Do	20

Assistant	{	Thomas Bennet	thirty seven	—	37
		George Zeigler	twenty three	—	23
		George Peffer	twenty three	—	23
		Samuel Hill	twenty two	—	22
High Constable		John Shields	thirty seven	—	37
Town Clerk		Benjamin Kurtz	Sixty one	—	61

For the Borough of Sunberry

Burgesses	{	Martin Withington	fifty six Votes	56
		Henry Vanderslice	fifty five —	55
Assistant	{	Daniel Bogar	eighty four —	84
		Nicholas Miller	seventy three —	73
Burgesses	{	John Housel	sixty eight —	68
		Martin Kendig	sixty two —	62
High Constable		John Geist	thirty six —	36

Saturday May 20th 1797.

Agreeably to the directions of the Act of the General Assembly passed the twenty second day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety three, for distributing the laws of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this day transmitted to the Executives of the States of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island Connecticut New York New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, copies of the laws of the Commonwealth passed prior to the second day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, for the use of Legislatures of the said Respective States.

Wednesday May 24th 1797.

The case of Thomas and Richard Pearce alias Pearsons City lots (claimed in right of their original purchase from William Penn Esquire by the Heirs of the said Purchasers, and in opposition by the heirs and devisees of Richard Hill decd under a purchase from the original owners as it is alledged) having referred to the Attorney General it appeared by his report this day, that he is employed as Counsel for one of the claimants of the heirs, and could not, therefore, give an opinion; the Governor considering that the controversy is of a Judicial nature, and wishing to avoid any Act, that shall prejudice any of the contending titles directed

that the Patents which are late made out for the Heirs and Devisees of Richard Hill decd should, therefore, be suspended until the Judgement of the Supreme Court is obtained.

Thursday May 25th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot within this Commonwealth for one year was granted to James Clark, upon recommendation by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday May 26th 1797.

Returns of the Election of Borough Officers in the towns of Pittsburgh, were this day received, by which it appears that the following Officers are duly elected Vizt:

John McMasters	}	Burgesses.
Andrew Watson		
Joseph Patterson		
James Horner	}	Assistant Burgesses.
Thomas Bracken		
Oliver Ormsley		
James Chambers		High Constable.
Hance Morrison		Town Clerk.

Upon application of Daniel Broadhead Esquire Surveyor General of the Commonwealth, the Governor this day accepted Robert Erwen of Philadelphia as one of the sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office of Surveyor General according to law, and William Bell one of his sureties named in a Bond taken in the year 1791, was now released from that obligation.

James Wallace was this day appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Fannet in the County of Franklin

Pardons were this day granted by the Governor to the following named persons now confined in the Jail of the County of Philadelphia, to wit:—

John McDaniel who was convicted of Horse stealing, and sentenced to two years servitude at hard labour and fined one hundred dollars with Costs of suit &c.

Richard Cunningham, who was convicted of Larceny upon three Indictments and sentenced by the Mayors Court to

undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years &c. and fined £12..12..6—with costs of suit &c.

Thomas Johnston who was convicted of Adultery and Bastardy, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of three months, and fined in the sum of three shillings and nine pence.

Monday May 29th 1797.

A copy of an Affidavit charging Dr James Tilton of the Town of Wilmington in the State of Delaware, with fornication committed the City of Philadelphia, was this day transmitted to him, with a request from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that he will take such immediate steps for compromising the complaint as shall prevent the resorting to a requisition to the Executive of Delaware State claiming him as a fugitive from Justice.

Tuesday May 30th 1797.

Agreeably to the directions of an Act of General Assembly entitled "an Act to provide for the settlement of those Officers and soldiers, who served in the Pennsylvania line the Secretary of the Commonwealth this day transmitted copies of the said Act to the Register of Wills in the several Counties of this Commonwealth.

A letter was written by the Governor, to the President of the United States, thanking him for his compliance with that part of the Governor's request, which respects the obtaining permission for exporting 10,000 stands of arms from Great Britain Holand or Hamburgh for the Militia of Pennsylvania; and on the propriety of submitting to the consideration of Congress through the Delegates of Penna the expediency of a remission of the duties payable in the United States on the said arms, when imported into the United States.

A letter was accordingly written to the Representatives from Pennsylvania in Congress requesting them to introduce the subject to the attention of Congress.

Friday June 2^d 1797.

A certificate of the division of Hopewell township in the County of Huntingdon, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, for the appointment of

and additional Justice of the Peace, was this day, received and filed.

Saturday June 3^d 1797.

Andrew Alexander was appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Dauphin and district of the townships of Derry and Londonderry.

Robert Allison and John Smith of the County of Philadelphia House Carpenters, presented to the Governor an estimate of the expenses of capping the walls round the State-house and making eight new benches to be placed in the yard or garden, amounting to seventy pounds, which received his approbation—and the said Gentlemen in doing the said work were instructed not to exceed the said estimate.

A fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Peter Weaverline late of the County of Bedford deceased, for keeping a Tippling-house, in the said County, was, this day remitted by the Governor, upon the Petition of the widow and administratrix of the said dec^d.

Monday, June 5th 1797.

A Return of Borough Officers, elected in the Borough of Union Town in the County of Fayette, was, this day, received, by which it appears, that the following Gentlemen, were duly elected, vizt:—

Charles Clinton	} Burgesses.
Adam Simonson	
Pearson Sayer	} Assistant Burgesses.
Robert Moore	
John Vanhorton	High Constable
John Ward	Town Clerk

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Lycoming this day made a Return of the election of certain Officers of the Militia of that County, to supply vacancies occasioned by resignation &c. and commissions were ordered by the Governor to issue, which were accordingly issued to the following named Gentlemen to wit:—

William Jackson	Captain of the fifth Company	1 Regt.
Robert Crawford	Lieutenant	5 th Company 1 st Regiment.
William White	Ensign	Do Do

John Piatt Captain	2d Company 2 Regiment	
Derick Coursin Ensign	4th Company	Do
William Benjamin Captain	6th Company	Do
John Smith Lieut.	Do	Do
Stephen Bell Captain	7 Company	Do
John Dickerson Lieut.	Do	Do
William Rush Ensign	Do	Do
Jonathan Smith Captain	8th Company	Do
Joseph Herriott Lieut		
Jesse Weisner Ensign		

Tuesday, June 6th 1797.

Edward Bryan Esquire was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Martick in the County of Lancaster; upon a respectable recommendation.

Friday June 9th 1797.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Joseph Cowperthwaite Esquire to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Information was given to the Governor by William Laurence Blair of an Escheat to the Commonwealth, of both real and personal Estate, in the County of Philadelphia, by the death of Peter Bonadventure D'Artois, intestate, without heirs or known kindred.

Pardons were, this day, granted by the Governor to the following named persons, upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia and with a condition annexed, that each and every of them shall and will forthwith leave the State not to return vizt:—

John Ryan, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to a servitude at hard labour for the space of three years, and fined in the sum of one hundred Dollars with Costs of prosecution &c.

William Kerrer, who was convicted of Larceny at a Court of General Quarters Sessions of the Peace held in and for the County of Cumberland in August 1796, and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour for the space of one year and fined two dollars and forty eight Cents, with Costs of Prosecution &c.

John Burd, who was convicted of Larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions, held in and for the County of Dauphin, at June term 1796 and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and to pay a fine of six pounds with costs of prosecution &c.

Joseph Disberry, who was convicted of Burglary at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the County of Dauphin in March 1794, and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for the term of ten years, and to forfeit all his lands and tenements, goods and chattels to and for the use of the Commonwealth

Margaret McGill, who was convicted of Larceny upon five several Indictments, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to an Imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined £99.3.6 with Costs of prosecution &c.

John Shane, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to an Imprisonment at hard labour for the term of six months, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of thirty Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

Lucretia Roberts, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to be imprisoned two years at hard labour and fined in the sum of £187.18.9 payable to the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c.

Ben (a Negro) who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Quarter Sessions of Lancaster County, in February 1795 to be imprisoned three years at hard labour, and fined ten pounds with costs of suit &c.

Louis blank, Lebe, Castro and Cheveblank, (four french negroes) convicted severally of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, each to be imprisoned six months at hard labour and fined six dollars, with costs of suit &c.

Catherine Shannon, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to be one year to be imprisoned at hard labour and fined £8.2.6 by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Dauphin County, with costs &c.

Catherine Stukins, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and fined £12.2.3, with costs &c.

John Clark, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia to undergo

a servitude at hard labour for the space of one year, and fined £13..2..0 with Costs &c.

James Gemmil convicted of Adultry in the County of York, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to three Months Imprisonment at hard labour and fined ten pounds with costs of prosecution &c.

Saturday June 10th 1797.

The Governor this day remitted the fine of nine pounds which was imposed upon Elias Foy of Lower Dublin township in the County of Philadelphia, for not performing his tour of militia duty, when called out from the said County in the year 1794—and at the same time a Pardon was granted to Daniel Ridge, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Chester in August 1795, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held at that time in said County to be imprisoned three years at hard labour, and fined £7..7..6, with costs &c.

Monday June 12th 1797.

Upon application of Bernard Desaa (formerly a Planter of the Island of Hispaniola, now of the City of Philadelphia,) the Governor this day granted him permission to sell Ice cream and Syrup in the State house yard and garden he behaving himself well.

An estimate of the expense of paving the passage through the State house was this day presented to the Governor and received his approbation, as follows vizt:—

	Dolls.	Cents
5500 bricks at 12 Dollars	66	
Lime and Sand	20	
Laying Pavement	31	.. 40
Taking up the old pavement hawing away rubish	12	
New sill for the front Door	16	
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	Dollars 140	.. 40

Whereupon the Governor authorized the door keeper to employ workmen to compleat the said pavement taking care not to exceed the estimate.

An opinion of the Attorney General on the application of John Hall Esquire, Secretary of the Land Office for an in-

crease of salary to the Clerks in his Office, was this day received, and is as follows vizt:—

“Sir

Mr Hall sometime ago shewed me the law to which he refers in the preceding Letter, it then appeared to me that the additional provision could not be applied to the increase of the salaries of Clerks previously employed.

I then was and continue of opinion, that if the Clerks have left the Office of the Secretary of the Land Office not collusively, or with any agreement, but of their own motion, without any combination, and because a dissatisfaction prevailed on account of the inadequacy of their wages and pay, that it would be perfectly consistent with the law and not a contravention of the intention of the Legislature, to engage at higher rates the same Clerks who have left the Office, provided due caution be used in not wantonly disposing of the public money and they be engaged on Terms similar to what Clerks of their capacity can obtain in other offices and in proportion to their usefulness in the Land Office”

June 5th 1795.

I am, Sir,

Most respectfully

Governor Mifflin

Your Obed. Hbl. Servant.

Jared Ingersoll

Whereupon the Governor approved and confirmed the following arrangement of Clerks in the said Offices, to continue until the Legislature shall establish another rule on the subject. The arrangement was as follows, vizt:—

The Clerks in the Office of Secretary of the Land Office,

1. Nathan Lufborough
2. Stephen Sykes
3. Ephraim Morton
4. John Miller
5. James B. Many

The Clerks in the Office of the Surveyor General of the Land Office.

1. William Parker
2. Thomas Masters
3. Anthony Simmons
4. John L. W. Frank
5. Henry Kean
6. Mark Stockwell
7. John Carey

The Clerks in the Office of the Receiver General of Land Office

1. John McKissick
 2. John Heaton
 3. William January
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Tuesday June 13th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Pedlar and Hawker within this Commonwealth for one year ending on the 12th June 1798 was this day granted to Thomas Niveu upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and bond given according to law.

A Schedule of all the Contracts relating to roads and Rivers was transmitted to William Alexander Esquire, the Agent of Information, who was instructed to make a general review of the work done under each, and to make report in time to institute suits for all delinquencies at the close of the present summer; and to pay especial and particular attention to those marked in the Schedule in a cross as particular complaints had been made against the Contractors.

Thursday June 15th 1797.

Licences to follow the employment of Pedlars and Hawkers on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year commencing from this day, were granted to John Lynch and Bernard Dougherty, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and bonds given according to law.

The several fines which were imposed by the Court of General Quarters Sessions of the Peace of the County of Westmoreland in the year 1794 and 1796 upon Basil Neely Thomas Neely Lucina Neely and Elinor Neely, upon being severally convicted upon several Indictments of Assault and Battery, were this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with respectable recommendations in their favor.

Friday June 16th 1797.

Francis Alexander Frederick De la Rochefault Lian Court, having signified to the Governor his intention of departing from this State, and being desirous of taking with him to

France a testimonial of his conduct during the term of his residence in this State as specified in a Notarial Certificate now presented—the Governor granted a certificate under the Great Seal to the said Frederick De la Rochefault Lian Court, stating that he has during his residence in this State so conducted himself as to acquire the respect and esteem of all inhabitants thereof, with whom he was acquainted; and by his deportment and conversation has uniformly manifested a warm attachment to the honor interest and prosperity of the French Republic.

Saturday June 17th 1797.

The Resignation of Isaac Thompson of the Office of Justice of the Peace in and for the township of Dublin, in the County of Huntingdon, was this day accepted by the Governor.

A Pardon was granted to Jacob Rudolph, who was convicted in the County of Delaware of Involuntary Manslaughter and was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer to be imprisoned six months at hard labour pay costs of prosecution &c.—Also to Hugh Paxton, who was convicted of Arson and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the County of York, at York town in September 1795 to a servitude at hard labour for the space of five years and to pay the Costs of prosecution &c.

The President of the third District and the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and the Sheriffs of the Counties of Northampton, Northumberland Luzerne and Lycoming were by a Circular letter from the Governor, this day, requested to collect as speedily as may be and report to him the most satisfactory information of the intrusions on the lands of Pennsylvania, and of the measures taken to enforce the Act of the 11th of April 1795 in order that such information may be laid before the Législature at their next Session.

Monday June 19th 1797.

A Pardon was granted to Henry Wessel, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia to an Imprisonment at hard labour for the space of one year and fined twenty eight Dollars, with Costs &c—and two fines which were imposed upon Henry Whiteman of five

pounds each, upon being convicted of an Assault and Battery were this day remitted by the Governor.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John D. Coxe to be President of the first district or circuit of the Court of Common Pleas consisting of the City and County of Philadelphia, and the Counties of Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware, in the room of James Biddle Esquire lately dead.

Tuesday June 20th 1797.

Upon recommendation in favor of Samuel Jago from seven Members of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States for Pennsylvania, the said Samuel Jago was appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the townships of Hallam and York in the County of York.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar for one year within this Commonwealth with one Horse was this day granted to John Alford upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster and Bond given according to law.

The Attorney General was requested to favor the Governor, with his opinion on the Bill entitled "An Act for regulating the General Elections of this Commonwealth," as early as it may be convenient: And he was also reminded of the suits necessary to be instituted against delinquent Contractors for the improvement of Roads and Rivers; as great complaints have been repeated on that subject.

Thursday June 22^d 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one horse, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was this day granted to William Murray upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia and Bond given according to law.

Friday June 23^d 1797.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to Thomas Edwards and Joseph Price, now confined in the Jail of the County of Philadelphia, the former convicted of Larceny, and the latter, upon two indictments, for uttering and counterfeiting notes

of the United States Bank. Also to Samuel McKisson who was convicted of Horse-stealing, in the County of York, on condition of leaving the State forthwith not to return.

Wednesday June 28th 1797.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to the Mary Brown, who was convicted of Larceny in the City of Philadelphia.

Saturday July 1st 1797.

The Comptroller and Register General of Accounts, were this day informed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, that the settlement of Mr Baynton's Accounts as State Treasurer, from the commencement of the present year, and agreeably to the request contained in his letter, has the approbation of the Governor, as far as he can sanction the measure; the Secretary also wrote a letter to Mr Baynton giving him information thereof.

Upon application of the Secretary, Surveyor General and Receiver General of the Land Office, the Governor, this day assented to the following distribution of the sum granted for Clerk-hire in the Land Office, during the current year by Act of Assembly of the fifth of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

For the Secretary of the Land Office	1300..0
Surveyor General	900..0
Receiver General	500..0

Dollars 2700..0

Of which the Comptroller General and Register General of Accounts, and the Land Officers were informed.

Thursday July 6th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Joshua McKee upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Saturday July 8th 1797.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Joseph Horsefield of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of North-

ampton to be a Notary Public to reside in the County aforesaid, in the room and stead of John Hasse Esquire decd and accepted Frederick Boller and Godfrey Haga as sureties.

Wednesday, July 12th 1797.

The Governor granted Pardons to Jonathan Bears Michael Dougherty and Priscilla Davis, the two former upon the representation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia; and the latter upon a recommendation from the Court and Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

Jonathan Bears was, convicted of Assaulting and Beating, Benjamin Scott and John Wilson and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in the City of Philadelphia in October 1796, to find sufficient security for his good behaviour.

Michael Dougherty was convicted of Assaulting and beating Andrew Given, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer held in and for the County of Philadelphia in September 1795, to be imprisoned until he finds sufficient security for good behaviour in the sum of one hundred pounds.

Prescilla Davis was convicted of keeping a Tippling-house, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the use of the Commonwealth, with Costs of prosecution &c.

Saturday July 15th 1797.

The Governor granted Pardons to John Haymaker and Hannah (a Negress) who were convicted of Larceny; and to John Davis convicted of Highway Robbery (all now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia) in compliance with the recommendation from the Inspectors of the Jail of the said City and County and on condition of leaving the State forthwith not to return.

Pardons were also granted to Thomas Arms who was convicted of Horse stealing in the County of Lancaster and sentenced to hard labour and fined £90, with Costs of Prosecution &c. And to Henry Harpur, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to two years servitude at hard labour and fined three hundred and twenty dollars, with Costs of suit &c.

A Patent was this day issued under the Great Seal of the State, and signed by the Governor, to Richard Whitehead,

of the City of Philadelphia Scrivener, for a lot of Ground number Nineteen part of the Barrack Ground in the Northern Liberties containing twenty feet in breadth on Green Street east and west, and in length or depth from said Green Street to a four feet wide Alley. The consideration for which amounted to in principal and interest, the sum of one hundred and seventy seven dollars and fifty one cents:—and which was formerly purchased at a Public Sale of Barrack lots, to wit, on the 3^d of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty four by John Keen house Carpenter who by his deed dated the 30th of March One thousand seven hundred and ninety five, granted and conveyed the same to Conrad Rohrman of the said Liberties Wheelwright in fee: who by deed dated the twelfth day of the present Month granted and conveyed the same lot of Ground unto the said Richard Whitehead in ffee simple.

Monday, July 17th 1797.

The Governor this day granted Remissions in favor of Charles Pryor, who was convicted of an Assault and Battery, and James Carey, who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, of the several fines imposed upon them for the said several Offences.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar within this Commonwealth, for one year, with one Horse, was granted to George Connelly, upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Bond given according to law.

Tuesday, July 18th 1797.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Mary Stump, who was convicted of Forgery, and sentenced by the Mayors Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and fined fifty dollars with costs of prosecution &c. but upon an express condition, that she leave the State forthwith not to return.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of Christian Oyster of the Office of Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Franklin in the County of Franklin.

Wednesday, July 19th 1797.

The Governor instructed the Attorney General to enter a Noli Pros in the case of William McIlhatton, who has been indicted in the Mayor's Court for uttering a forged Power of Attorney, well knowing the same to have been forged; if circumstances in his opinion should appear to justify its being done.

Thursday July 20th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, within this Commonwealth, on foot, for one year, was granted to Michael Nicholas, upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Saturday July 22^d 1797.

Licences to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Commonwealth for one year from this date were granted to Henry Halback Simon Philipson and John Spires—the two former on foot, and the latter with one Horse, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bonds given according to law.

Monday July 24th 1797.

Upon application of James Read Esquire Inspector of Flour for the City and County of Philadelphia, leave of absence was granted him by the Governor for five or six weeks.

Tuesday July 25th 1797.

An Act or Instrument for the incorporation of a Company of Bricklayers in the City and County of Philadelphia in this State, being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, that the conditions and articles therein set forth and declared are lawful: the same received the approbation of the Governor, and was transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls, with instructions to in-roll the same at the expense of the applicants, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, passed the

sixth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Wednesday July 26th 1797.

The Governor this day issued his order or warrant on the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, requiring them to pay Peter Baynton Esquire State Treasurer or Order the sum of Forty thousand dollars, being the amount of the dividend on the shares owned by the State in the Capital Stock of said Bank as the same was declared on the fifth Instant.

Thursday July 27th 1797.

The fine of one hundred and fifty dollars, which was imposed upon Benjamin Strother, by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia, for an Assault and Battery upon Jacob Weiser, was this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation, and at the request of the person injured.

Friday July 28th 1797.

Proposals were received from John Cadwallader Esquire of Huntingdon County, for improving the navigation of the Raystown branch of the Juniata River, from the mouth thereof to Magaughy's Mill, about three miles above the town of Bedford and of Dunnings Creek from the mouth thereof to the big fork, for the sum of Six hundred pounds appropriated by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the tenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety two:—and the same were referred by the Governor to William Alexander Agent of Information to investigate and report thereon as soon as maybe.

Monday July 31. 1797.

William Henry, Esquire, of the County of Northampton this day made proposals for manufacturing ten thousand stands of arms, which were received and filed; and Mr. Henry was informed, that the Governor will not decide immediately on the manufacturing part of the business, so that he will have an opportunity of a conference with the Governor before any thing definitive is done.

Wednesday August 2^d 1797.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to Mary McAllister Catherine Forfeit, Mary Quinn and David (a Negro) now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, in compliance with a recommendation from the Inspectors of the Jail of the said City and County, and on condition of their leaving the State forthwith not to return.

Thursday August 3^d 1797.

A Licence to the employment of a Pedlar on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Hugh Service, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and Bond given according to law.

By direction of the Governor the Secretary of the Commonwealth, wrote letters to the Secretary, Receiver General and Surveyor General of the Land Office; to the Comptroller General, Register General and Treasurer of the State; and to Josiah Harmer Esquire, Adjutant General of the Militia of Pennsylvania, requesting them respectively to furnish the Governor as soon as maybe, with a general Report on the State of their several departments, in order that the information therein contained may be laid before the Legislature.

Friday August 4th 1797.

An Affidavit of Resolved Sessions and sundry papers relating to the persecution he has undergone in Luzerne County for his adherence to the territorial rights of the State, were transmitted to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth to enable him to Judge whether any thing more, than has been done can legally be done to relieve him.

Saturday August 5th 1797.

A Letter was written to Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Secretary of State for the United States in which he was informed in answer to his letter of the second instant, that the State of Pennsylvania has not ratified the amendment proposed by Congress to the Constitution concerning the suability of States.

The several proposals that have been made by a number of

persons, for supplying the State with quantity of arms mentioned in the Act of General Assembly passed in the last Session, were by the Governor's directions transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to Colonel Clement Biddle Quarter Master General of the Militia, with instructions to consult Colonel Gurney confidentially, on the subject; and to make a report to the Governor as soon as he can, upon which of the proposals it will be most advantageous for the Government to form a Contract. Colonel Gurney was at the same time informed thereof and requested to favor Colonel Biddle with an early conversation in order to fix the principles of the Report.

Monday August 7th 1797.

By direction of the Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth transmitted to Josiah Harmer Esquire Adjutant General of the Militia of Pennsylvania, a copy of a Letter from the Secretary at War, for organizing and equipping Ten thousand six hundred and ninety six of the Militia of this State Officers included, with a copy of the Act of Congress authorizing the requisition and a Roll from a similar requisition in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four; and instructing the said Adjutant General with all possible dispatch to report a plan on the subject, for the consideration and approbation to the Governor.

William Alexander Esquire Agent of Information in the improvement of Roads and Rivers was authorized and instructed by the Governor at this time specially to proceed to view, and report upon the progress of the several Contractors for clearing the lower Juniata Falls; from Aughwick falls inclusive to Frankstown; and also from Water Street to Frankstown; and upon the Conewago Canal Contract particularly that he should ascertain whether it will be for public interest, and the conveniency of the navigation at Aughwick falls, and to substitute other clearing and improvement therein.

Wednesday August 9th 1797.

William Martin, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, for the district of Chester, Ridley, Middletown and Lower Providence townships in the County of Delaware, in the room of Miles McCarty deceased.

Friday August 11th 1797.

In compliance with a request from the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia, the Governor this day issued the following Proclamation. vizt:
Pennsylvania sst:—

[Seal] In the Name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Tho Mifflin

By Thomas Mifflin

Governor of the said Commonwealth

A Proclamation.

Whereas, the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia, have reported to me, than an infectious or contagious disease exists in several of the West India Islands: and that there is also cause to apprehend some danger from an unrestrained intercourse with New Orleans and the French Dutch and Spanish Ports on the main so that the safety and health of the Citizens of Philadelphia require that a Quarantine should be immediately laid on all vessels arriving in this Port from the said Islands and other places aforesaid: Therefore, and in pursuance of the authority to me by law given I have deemed it proper to issue this Proclamation hereby giving public notice, of the information which I have received as aforesaid, and directing that any and every ship or vessel coming from any of the said West India Islands, from New Orleans, or from any French, Dutch, or Spanish Port on the Main, shall be stopped and detained in the Stream of the River Delaware, opposite the Health Office on State Island, to the intent that the Master or Captain and all persons on board such Ship or Vessel, shall there do, execute and perform a Quarantine of five days and for such longer term as the Resident Physician, with the advice of the Consulting Physician and the Inspectors of the Health Office shall devise and prescribe: And the Resident Physician, Consulting Physician Health Officer, and the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia and all other persons in any wise entrusted with the execution of the law for preventing the introduction of pestilential or contagious diseases into this Commonwealth, are required and enjoined to be attentive and vigilant in discharging the duties of their respective Stations and more effectually in carrying this Proclamation into effect.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State at Philadelphia the eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Commonwealth the Twenty second.

By the Governor

A. J. Dallas Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Saturday August 12th 1797.

Copies of the Proclamation of the Governor which was issued yesterday, prescribing a quarantine on all vessels arriving in this Port, from the West Indies, or from New Orleans, or from any French, Dutch, or Spanish port on the Main, were this day transmitted to the Inspectors of the Health Office, to William Allen Health Officer and to Doctors Duffield and Mease, consulting and resident Physicians of the Port instructing them to take immediate measures for carrying the said Proclamation into complete effect, as far as depends on the duties of their respective Offices; the alarm occasioned by the yellow fever having made its appearance in Penn Street was communicated to them by the Governor and they were instructed to investigate the facts and to take every precaution in their power to avert the calamity, and to relieve the public mind; also to make an early communication to the Governor of any important intelligence.

A letter was written to Dr. John Redman President of the College of Physicians on the same subject.

Monday August 14th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Thomas Bailey, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The Governor wrote a letter to Doctor John Redman President of the College of Physicians informing him of the alarm that prevails of the fever having made its appearance in the neighbourhood of Penns Street, and requesting, that he will obtain from his Brethern of the College of Physicians a statement of the facts that have occurred in the course of their practice and an opinion on the best mode of averting the calamity that threatens.

Tuesday August 15th 1797.

The Inspectors of the Health Office having represented to the Governor, that from the information which they have received it would be proper to impose a Quarantine on Vessels arriving in this Port from any British Port or Ports on the Main and requesting that a Proclamation might be issued to extend to Vessels arriving from such Ports.

The Governor thereupon issued the following Proclamation vizt:—

Pennsylvania sst—

	In the name and by the authority of the Com-
[Seal]	monwealth of Pennsylvania
Tho Mifflin	By Thomas Mifflin
	Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia, have reported to me, that an infectious or contagious disease exists in the West India Islands; and that there is also cause to apprehend some danger from an unrestrained intercourse with New Orleans, and the British, French, Dutch, and Spanish Ports on the Main, so that the safety and health of the Citizens of Philadelphia require that a quarantine should be immediately laid on all vessels arriving in this Port from the said Islands and other places aforesaid Therefore and in pursuance of the authority to me by law given I have deemed it proper to issue this Proclamation hereby giving public notice of the information which I have received as aforesaid, and directing that every Ship or Vessel, coming from any of the said West India Islands, from New Orleans, or from any British, French, Dutch or Spanish Port on the Main shall be stopped and detained in the stream of the River Delaware, opposite the Health Office on State Island, to the intent that the Master or Captain and all persons on board such ship or vessel shall there do execute and perform a quarantine of ten days and for such longer term as the Resident Physician with the advice of the consulting Physician and Inspectors of the Health Office shall devise and prescribe, and the Resident Physician Consulting Physician, Health Officer and the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia and all other persons in anywise entrusted with the execution of the law for preventing the introduction of pestilential or contagious diseases into this Commonwealth, are required and enjoined to

be attentive and vigilant in discharging the duties of their respective stations and more effectually in carrying this Proclamation into effect.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the fifteenth day of August in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Commonwealth the twenty second.

By the Governor.

A. J. Dallas

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Copies of the said Proclamation were then transmitted to the Health Officers of the Port, to the Health Officer, and to Doctors Duffield and Mease the Consulting and Resident Physician of the Port instructing them to take immediate measures for carrying the said Proclamation into complete effect, as far as depends on their respective Offices.

A Letter was written by the Governor to His Excellency Richard Howell Esquire Governor of the State of New Jersey communicating to him the foregoing Proclamation stating to him the danger to be apprehended from persons landing in the State of New Jersey and passing thence after a short delay into the State of Pennsylvania; and requesting his co-operation with the public Officers of this State in their efforts to protect the health and lives of their fellow Citizens; and submitting to his consideration the expediency of obtaining a Legislative sanction whenever the General Assembly of New Jersey shall be in Session.

Wednesday August 16th 1797.

It having been intimated to the Governor, that it would be convenient and beneficial to empower the Resident Physicians to administer oaths to the Captains and Crew of Vessels arriving in the Port of Philadelphia, the Governor this day appointed and Commissioned James Mease Esquire to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Blockley and Kingsessing in the County of Philadelphia, for the purpose of administering oaths as aforesaid.

The Governor being desirous of taking the opinion of the Members of the General Assembly from the City and County of Philadelphia, and Counties of Delaware and Montgomery

on the measures that should be pursued in relation to the approaching Session of the Legislature at a time of General alarm respecting the appearance of a contagious disease in this City, requested the attendance of those Gentlemen at the Secretary's Office, on Friday next at ten O'clock to meet him in conference on the subject.

Friday August 18th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to John Jacobs upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The resignation of John Shippen of his Office of Notary Public, in and for the County of Chester was this day accepted by the Governor.

The Members of the General Assembly, from the City and County of Philadelphia and the Counties of Delaware and Montgomery, with the Consulting Physician, Health Officer and Doctor Casper Wister, one of the Physicians of this City this day met the Governor in the Secretary's Office in conference agreeably to his request communicated to them on the sixteenth instant.

Saturday August 19th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to James Strong, upon recommendation; and Bond given according to law.

John Brien was appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Codorus and Manheim Townships in the County York.

Wednesday August 23d 1797.

A remission was granted to John Wardner, who was convicted of in the County of Berks, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County, to pay a fine of ten pounds with Costs &c.

The Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia having represented to the Governor, that they have reason to apprehend that opposition will be given to the

persons employed by them in removing the sick and that other measures and regulations, which they have deemed proper and necessary, at this time, will be opposed; and requested the aid of the Governor in adopting such means as he may deem expedient by Proclamation or otherwise to enforce the regulations adopted by them from time to time, agreeably to law. The Governor thereupon, this day issued the following Proclamation vizt:—
Pennsylvania sst

[Seal] In the Name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Tho Mifflin

By Thomas Mifflin
Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, it is provided in and by an Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to amend and repeal certain provisions in the health laws of this Commonwealth," That the Governor, or in his absence a majority of the Board of Inspectors shall have full power and authority to prohibit all intercourse with infected places within the United States under any penalty not exceeding three hundred dollars on each person transgressing the said prohibition, to be recovered by action of debt or by Indictment one half to be paid to the Inspectors for the benefit of the Hospital on State Island, and the other half to the benefit of the informer, and to direct the removal of any person or persons infected, or who from their exposure to the operation of contagion are liable to become so, and to order the quarantine to be performed by any Vessel, and to direct the removal and purification of any Vessel goods, wares, and merchandize, and to take such suitable and effecient measures as may be found necessary to prevent all such intercourse, and to carry into complete effect the aforesaid provisions, and to cause such persons as transgress or disobey the same to be conveyed to the Hospital on State Island, and there kept for one month, or such shorter time as the case may require," And whereas it unhapily appears the malignant and contagious fever exists in Penns Street, and the vicinity thereof, in the City of Philadelphia, and it becomes necessary for the general safety of the Citizens, that all intercourse should be prohibited with the said infected places or with any other place or places to which the contagion may and shall extend; and that any and every person or persons infected with the said

malignant and contagious fever or exposed to the operation thereof, within the said City of Philadelphia should be removed to some convenient place out of the City: And whereas, the following are deemed suitable efficient and necessary measures and regulations to prevent all intercourse with the infected place aforesaid and to effectuate the wise and benevolent purposes of the law: that is to say:—

I. That all communication with the wharves houses, and inhabitants situated between Spruce and South Streets to extend from the River to the west side of Front Street, except by the necessary attendance, be cut off by placing poles or fences across all the Streets and avenues within the said distance, that the Shipping be removed from the wharves from Spruce to South Street, and that Yellow flags be placed at the corner of each of the Streets communicating to this part of the City

II. That every person infected with a contagious fever (whose particular case will admit of removal) shall be removed by the friends of the deceased, or by the Health Officer to a proper situation distant from the City.

III. That the Inhabitants of all houses adjoining or opposite to those which contain sick, or in which the sick may have been shall immediately remove on notice from the Inspectors, or be removed under the direction of the Health Officer.

IV. That a Yellow flag shall be suspended from all houses which contain sick persons, or from which the sick have been removed; and that except the necessary attendants no person all be allowed to enter the same until the said house shall be properly cleansed.

V. That the Physicians of the City and Liberites be requested, when any case of contagion shall come within their knowledge, to give notice to the Health Office or to either of the Inspectors.

Now therefore, I have deemed it a duty, highly interesting to the safety and welfare of the community to issue this Proclamation, hereby recognizing, authorizing and establishing all and singular the measures aforesaid to be pursued and enforced in such manner as the Inspectors of the Health Office shall deem most beneficial and effectual for the purposes thereby designed: And, if any person or persons whosoever, (other than the Officers of the Health Office, Physicians, and necessary attendants by them respectively employed) shall hold any intercourse with the infected place described

and enclosed as aforesaid, or with any other house or houses, place or places, within the City aforesaid from which a yellow Flag or Flags from any house or houses place or places, which the said Inspectors or their agents shall deem to be infected as aforesaid, or shall forcibly resist or prevent making such inclosure or suspending such Flag or Flags and after such inclosure has been made or Flag or Flags has or have been suspended, shall without the direction and authority of the Inspectors, remove and abate such inclosure, or take down, destroy, or conceal such Flag or Flags from public view; or shall refuse or resist, delay or prevent, the said Inspectors and other Officers of the health Office and their assistants or any of them in the removal of any persons or persons in conformity to the foregoing measures and regulations or in performing any other act or thing whatsoever which they may lawfully do to prevent all intercourse with any infected place or places aforesaid and to carry into complete effect the aforesaid measures and regulations, shall be forthwith conveyed to the Hospital on State Island, and there kept for one month, and shall be liable to further prosecution and punishment as the law directs. And the Resident Physician, Consulting Physician Health Officer and the Inspectors of the Health Office and all other persons in anywise entrusted with the execution of the law for the preventing the introduction of pestilential or contagious diseases into this Commonwealth and all the Executive and Judicial Officers, according to the duties of their respective stations, and all the good citizens of the Commonwealth are required, enjoined and exhorted to be attentive and vigilant in discharging their respective duties on this important occasion, and particularly in carrying this Proclamation into effect.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the twenty third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven and of the Commonwealth the Twenty second.

By the Governor:

A. J. Dallas

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Thursday August 24th 1797.

A Pardon was granted to Isaac Harris, who was lately convicted of Larceny in the County of Delaware, and sentenced

to be imprisoned five years at hard labour and fined ten pounds with costs &c.

Friday August 25th 1797.

Upon the request of Captain Crawford for permission to return down the River Delaware, with his Vessel from State Island, the Governor agreed to comply therewith, under certain regulations and conditions, which were this day communicated to the Inspectors of the Health Office for their approbation—which see in Letter Book of this date.

The Governor acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Governor Howell of New Jersey, and thanked him for his prompt attention to the request made to him relative to a co-operation, in the regulations of our Health Office.

Saturday August 26th 1797.

A memorial from a number of debtors confined in the debtors apartment of the Jail of City of Philadelphia was this day received and referred by the Governor to the Attorney General, with a request that he will direct any thing to be done, that may lawfully be done, for the accommodation of the Memorialists, and to relieve them from their present apprehensions from the prevailing sickness in the City. Of which reference the memorialists were informed

Letters were written to Dr John Redman President of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia; and to the Inspectors of the Health Office, requesting that the Governor may be furnished from time to time during the sitting of the Legislature, with the most satisfactory reports, that the nature of the case will admit of the progress of the existing malignant fever, to be laid before the Legislature.

Monday August 28th 1797.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of Thomas Nesbitt of the Office of Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Mifflin, and thereupon appointed and commissioned, John Culbertson, Esquire, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation.

A Joint committee of both houses of the Legislature this day waited on the Governor, and informed him, that the General Assembly was now met; and requested to know of the

Governor, when he would be ready to make this communication: The Committee were then informed that to-morrow at eleven o'clock, the Governor would meet the Legislature in the Senate Chamber and address them on the state of the Commonwealth

A certain Harper, who stands charged with passing base metal in the likeness of Spanish dollars and parts of dollars, having fled into the State of Maryland and demand was made to to the Executive of the State to cause him to be delivered up to take his trial in this State having jurisdiction of his crime

Tuesday August 29th 1797.

James Mifflin Gibson, and James Martin Esquires, were this day appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of the township of East Fallowfield, East and West Bradford, New Linn and Pennsborough in the County of Chester; and the latter for the district of Irwin in the County of Allegheny in compliance with respectable recommendations. Also John Finley for Armstrong Township Westmoreland County. Samuel Taylor for Donegal Township in the County of Washington and Abraham Bachman for the Borough of Easton Northampton County, also John Christie for Irvine District in the Cor of Allegheny

Agreeably to appointment the Governor, this day, met the Legislature in the Senate Chamber and delivered his address to both branches thereof, which see at large in Legislative communications. Vol. 2. page 112.

A Message from the Governor, was at the same time presented to the Legislature informing them, that he had considered with great attention the bill entitled "an Act to regulate the General Elections held in this Commonwealth and returned the same, having been prevented from doing it at the last Session by the adjournment of the General Assembly on the day when it was presented to him, with a declaration that he does not approve thereof and with the objections therein contained as the ground of his disapprobation for which see Legislative communications Book Vol. 2 page 120.

The Governor this day upon full consideration approved and signed an Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for alleviating the distresses of the Citizens of Philadelphia and the Suburbs thereof during the continuance of the existing malignant and contagious disease" and a Resolution of the General Assembly authorizing the Secretary

of the Commonwealth to distribute the laws of the United States the property of this State, and the same were returned to the house of Representatives in which they originated.

A Pardon was granted to William Farrow, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Northampton in August 1797. and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of equal value to the goods stolen with costs of prosecution &c he having been recommended for such Pardon, by sundry Members of the General Assembly from that County.

Wednesday August 30th 1797.

The Governor this appointed and commissioned Joseph Morrison and Robert More to be Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Fayette;—the former for the district of the township of Manallin, and the latter for the district including the Borough of Union Town.

Friday September 1st 1797.

Pardons were granted to Langford Herring and McGee the former convicted of forgery in the County of Philadelphia, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery held for the County of Philadelphia, in March last, to an imprisonment at hard for one year & to find security for good behaviour, discharge the costs of prosecution &c. And the latter convicted in the County of Northampton of Larceny, upon two indictments and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of two years, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine equal to the value of the goods stolen with costs of prosecution &c.

Agreeably to the directions of an Act of the General Assembly passed the twenty ninth of August last entitled An Act to provide for alleviating the distresses of the Citizens of Philadelphia and the Suburbs thereof during the continuance of the present malignant and contagious fever the Governor this day appointed Robert Wharton, Edward Garrigues, George Krebs, John James, Israel Israel and Thomas Savery, of the City of Philadelphia, Samuel Wheeler John Wagner and George Engels of the township of the Northern Liberties; and Robert McMullen William Linnard and Samuel Church of the district of Southwark in the County of Philadelphia, Commissioners for carrying the said Act of Assembly into full effect.

Monday September 11th 1797.

A Letter from Edward Robinson Esquire Captain of the Light Infantry Company of the 1st Regiment of the Philadelphia Militia, inclosing a Resolve of that company, by which they tender their services in protecting the exposed property of the Citizens of Philadelphia, was laid before the Governor, but as the proposition relates to the police of the City the Governor thought proper to submit the same to the Mayor of the City; this was communicated by the Governor to the Mayor; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the thanks of the Governor to Captain Robinson and his Company for so honorable a proof of their benevolence and public spirit.

The Inhabitants of Germantown having through the medium of a Committee communicated to the Governor the inconvenience to which they are exposed for want of a public Hospital, in case any person flying from the City should be infected with the contagion that unhappily prevails there—the Governor took the same, and the laws establishing the Health Office, into consideration, and thereupon suggested to the Inspectors of the Health Office of Philadelphia, a number of propositions, which see in letter Book of this date.

Tuesday September 12th 1797.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of George Ege, Esquire, of his seat in the house of Representatives of the Congress of the United States for Pennsylvania and the district of the Counties of Berks and Luzerne, and thereupon Writs under the less Seal of the State, were issued to John Christ Esquire, Sheriff of the County of Berks; and to William Slocum Esquire, Sheriff of the County of Luzerne authorizing and commanding them respectively to hold elections in their respective Counties for choosing a Representative of this Commonwealth for the district aforesaid in the House of Representatives of the United States to fill the said vacancy as follows vizt:—

Pennsylvania sst

In the name and by the Authority of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thomas Mifflin

Governor of the said Commonwealth.

To John Christ Esquire Sheriff of the County of Berks in
the said Commonwealth Greeting:—

Whereas, George Ege Esquire was duly elected by the Citizens of the district composed of the Counties of Berks and Luzerne to serve as a Representative of this Commonwealth in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States for the term of two years to be computed from and after the fourth day of March last And Whereas, the said George Ege has in and by an Instrument of writing to me directed, bearing date the thirty first day of August last resigned his seat aforesaid in the said House of Representatives in consequence whereof a vacancy has happened in the representation of this State in the Congress of the United States Now therefore, in pursuance of the provision in such case made and provided by the Constitution of the United States I Thomas Mifflin (being vested with the executive authority of the State of Pennsylvania) have issued this Writ, hereby commanding you the said John Christ to hold an Election in the said County of Berks on Tuesday the tenth day of October next for choosing a Representative of this Commonwealth in the House of Representatives of the United States to fill the vacancy which has happened as aforesaid, and you are hereby required and enjoined to hold the said Election at the same places and in the like manner, and to make return thereof at the same time and in like form as is by law prescribed, in the case of a General Election for Representatives of this Commonwealth in the House of Representatives of the United States.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Germantown the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Commonwealth the twenty second.

By the Governor:—

James Trimble,
Deputy Secty

N.B. A Similar Writ was sent to W^m Slocum Esquire Sheriff of the County of Luzerne, on the same purpose.

George Ege, Esquire, was, this day, appointed and commissioned, by the Governor, to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Berks.

Wednesday September 13th 1797.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to William Ewing, in compliance with a respectable recommendation from In-

habitants of Chester County, the said William Ewing having been convicted of Perjury and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for twelve Callender months; and to pay a fine of one dollar with costs of prosecution, &c.

Thursday September 14th 1797.

A letter having been this day received from John Meyer a Justice of the Peace for the County of Berks giving information to the Governor of a murder recently committed in the said County, the same with a certified copy of a Coroners inquest, held on the body of the deceased, was communicated to the Executive of the State of New Jersey, with a view that some cautionary steps may be taken to identify the person of the murderer, (who is supposed to be a certain Benjamin Bailey, and whose place of residence is said to be in Morris County in the State of New Jersey) previous to the transmission of the regular proofs, which are now preparing.

A letter was then written to John Meyer Esquire requesting him to forward with all possible dispatch the necessary affidavits.

Tuesday September 26th 1797.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned James Humphreys junior Esquire to be a Notary Public to reside in the City of Philadelphia in the room of Assheton Humphreys Esquire, dec^d

Wednesday September 27th 1797.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John Bickel to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the township of Bethel in the County of Dauphin.

Monday October 2^d 1797.

A Return of Militia Officers of the County of Delaware, was this day presented to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of that County, and commissions were made out for the following named Officers vizt:—James Morgan Captain—Jacob Faylor Lieutenant and Daniel Kerr Ensign of the 1st company of the 2^d Regiment.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Elizabeth McGee, who was convicted of Larceny, upon two Indictments in the

County of Northampton, and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for two years, and to pay a fine equal to the value of the goods stolen, with costs of prosecution &c.

Tuesday October 3^d 1797.

The resignation of Emanuel Reigart of his office of Coroner of the County of Lancaster was received and accepted by the Governor.

Thursday October 5th 1797.

Commissions were this day granted to Abijah Reed as Captain Lieutenant and Samuel Harris as second Lieutenant of the Bucks County Artillery upon a return made according to law by the Brigade Inspector of that County.

Friday October 6th 1797.

Charles Deshler was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of the township of Salisbury in the County of Northampton.

Saturday October 7th 1797.

A Letter was written by the Governor to the Inspectors of the Health Office in answer to their request for a discontinuance of the Quarantine on all vessels arriving at the Port of Philadelphia, except those from Jamaica Cape Nichola Mole and the Ports in the Leogane, requesting that the information, which in the opinion of the Inspectors justifies the proposed modifications of the quarantine may be communicated to him.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Northampton, this day presented a Return of an Election of Militia Officers, to fill vacancies in the Militia of that County; and thereupon commissions were issued to the following named Officers vizt:

Third Regiment.

Thomas Silleman Captain of the fifth company

Peter Ripple—Lieutenant of Do.

Adam Stocker—Ensign of Do.

Henry Kreamer Lieutenant

Jacob Busk Ensign

} of the sixth Company

Fourth Regiment.

James Hays first Major

Fifth Regiment.

Moses Chambers captain of the fifth company

Seventh Regiment.

Henry Shade Major of the first Battalion.

Henry Ruch Major of the second Do.

George Ringer—Captain

Solomon Graff—Lieutenant

Jacob Snyder Ensign

} of the third Company.

Andrew Young Captain of the seventh Company.

Eighth Regiment.

Samuel Russel—Captain

Peter Reedy Lieutenant

George Happell Ensign

} of the fifth Company.

Monday October 9th 1797.

The Governor, this day remitted a fine of nine pounds which was imposed upon Abraham Harmony, of the County of Northampton, for neglecting to perform his tour of Militia duty, when called thereto in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, under the Act of the General Assembly of the 11th of April 1793.

He having been well recommended for such Remission.

Monday October 16th 1797.

James Ross Esquire Brigade Inspector of the County of Lancaster made a Return of an Election of Militia Officers for the said County; whereupon Commissions were made out and issued to the following named Gentlemen vizt:—

First Regiment.

Abraham Henry Major of the 1st Battalion.

James Basford Major of the 2^d Battalion.

George Henderson Captain of the first Company.

John Heller Lieutenant

George Swobe Ensign

} of the second Company.

Thomas Henderson Ensign of the third Company.

Nathaniel Watson Captain

John Abraham—Lieutenant

Adam Weaver—Ensign

} of the fourth Company.

Philip Ferree Lieutenant	}	of the sixth Company.
William Marten Ensign		
John Bowman Lieutenant	}	of the seventh Company.
John Rush—Ensign		
John Keller—Lieutenant	}	of the eighth Company.
John Scott—Ensign		

Second Regiment.

John Scott Major of the second Battalion.

Samuel McElroy Captain	}	of the first Company.
James McCullouch Lieut.		
John Patterson Ensign	}	.
Isaac Nelson Captain		
James McGlaughlin Lieut	}	of the second Company.
John Niel—Ensign		
James McCreary Captain	}	of the third Company.
Hugh Jackson Lieut		
David Boyd Ensign	}	of the fourth Company
Thomas Grubb—Captain		
William McCrearey Ensign	}	of the fifth Company.
Robert Anderson Captain		
William Barclay Lieut	}	of the sixth Company.
Samuel Morrison Ensign		
John Evans Captain	}	of the seventh Company.
James Johnston Ensign		
William Heard Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
William Loughhead Lieut		
John Taylor Ensign	}	of the eighth Company.
James Paxton Captain		
Samuel Henry—Lieut.	}	of the eighth Company.
Samuel Work Ensign		

Third Regiment.

Adam Litzeberger—Lieutenant Colonel.

Jacob Strickler Major of the first Battalion.

Ludwig Urban Major of the second Battalion.

Ludwig Urban—Captain	}	of the first Company.
George Waggoner Lieut.		
John Sowerbear Ensign	}	of the second Company.
Frederick Metzgar Captain		
Philip Deltrick Lieut.	}	of the second Company.

John Hilbrun Ensign	}	of the third Company.
Valentine Rummel Captain		
James Pratt—Lieut.		
Peter Frey Ensign		
John Hogentoglar Captain	}	of the fourth Company.
Christian Mosey—Lieut.		
Samuel Concle Ensign		
John Weller—Captain	}	of the fifth Company.
Frederick Mumma Lieut.		
Chris ⁿ Maug—Ensign		
John Barnhart Captain	}	of the sixth Company.
George Heller Lieut.		
Henry Earfort Ensign		
Felix Peck—Captain	}	of the seventh Company.
George Peck—Lieut.		
Gerhart Brenner Ensign		
George Foltz—Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
Conrad Cisena Lieut		
John Neaff Ensign		

Fourth Regiment.

John Light—Major of the first Battalion.

George Thomas—Major of the second Battalion.

Peter Shindle—Captain	}	of the second Company.
John Young—Ensign		
John Leonard—Captain	}	of the third Company.
George Keiss—Lieut.		
Isaac Britzius—Ensign	}	of the fourth Company.
George Brumgard—Captain		
John Grace—Lieut.		
Jonas Metzgar—Ensign	}	of the fifth Company.
Adam Messencope—Captain		
William Klatz—Lieut.		
Jacob Rudisile—Ensign	}	of the eighth Company.
Christian Shuter—Lieut.		

Fifth Regiment.

Jacob Ringwalt—Captain	}	of the first Company.
John Diffendelfer—Lieut.		
Adam Brunner—Ensign	}	of the second Company.
John Edwards—Captain		
John Bear—Lieut.		
Adam Sheaffer—Ensign		

James Davis—Lieut. of the third Company.
 Andrew Yoindt—Lieut. of the fourth Company.
 John Huston—Ensign of the fifth Company.
 Henry Sawyer—Ensign of the seventh Company

John Carpenter—Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
Michael Wickle—Lieut.		

Sixth Regiment.

Benjamin Mills Lieutenant Colonel.
 Thomas Bayley Major of the first Battalion.
 Samuel Enslinger Major of the second Battalion.

Henry Hains—Captain	}	of the first Company.
Dominic Eagle—Lieut.		
Jacob Shereman Ensign		
John Kenzleman—Captain	}	of the second Company.
Peter Fisher—Lieut.		
William Camble—Ensign		
William Boals—Captain	}	of the third Company.
Stophel Miscenholter—Lieut.		
Andrew Robison—Ensign		
Arthar Patterson—Captain	}	of the fourth Company.
William Mills—Lieut.		
Robert Jacks—Ensign		
Andrew Shimp—Captain	}	of the fifth Company.
Philip Oldweiler—Lieut.		
Peter Youtz—Ensign		
Joseph Wolf—Captain	}	of the sixth Company.
Jacob Eachart—Lieut.		
Peter Becker—Ensign		
James Adderson—Captain	}	of the seventh Company.
James Patterson—Lieut.		
George Yate—Ensign		
John Bishop—Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
Conrad Gross—Lieut.		
Christian Haldema—Ensign		

Seventh Regiment.

Henry Ream Lieutenant Colonel.
 Edward Brien Major of the first Battalion.
 Jacob Houshalter Major of the second Battalion.
 Samuel Groff Captain of the first Company.

Stophel Weidman—Captain	}	of the second Company.
John Stoffer—Lieut.		

John Wonderly—Captain of the third Company.

Frederick Cromer—Captain	} of the fifth Company.
George Futzs—Lieut.	
Henry Gross—Ensign	

Peter Backer—Ensign of the sixth Company.

Peter Snyder—Captain	} of the seventh Company.
Jacob Weidman—Lieut.	
Martin Cryder—Ensign	

Jacob Sees—Captain	} of the eighth Company
William Davis—Lieut.	
John Conn—Ensign	

Tuesday October 17th 1797.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs of the City and County of Philadelphia, being presented to the Governor, it appeared that Jonathan Penrose and William Calladay, were duly elected; whereupon Jonathan Penrose was appointed and commissioned Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia; and a Commission was issued accordingly: and a Bond was taken from Thomas Penrose and Joshua Humphreys Shipwrights and William Robinson the Elder, Esquire of the district of Southwark, and Sharp Delaney Esquire of the City of Philadelphia, as sureties, for the faithful performance of the duties of the said Office of Sheriff according to law.

Returns of the General Elections of the Counties of Bucks and Dauphin, held for Sheriffs, were presented to the Governor with a Return of Coroners elected in the first mentioned County, from which it appears that the following Gentleman were duly and fairly elected vizt: Daniel Thomas and Phineas Paxson Sheriff of the Counties of Bucks, and Cephas Childs junr and Abner Buckman Coroners of the said County: and Henry Orth and Anthony Kelker Sheriff of the County of Dauphin, whereupon the Governor appointed and commissioned Daniel Thomas to be Sheriff of the County of Bucks, and Cephas Childs junior Coroner of the said County, also Henry Orth to be Sheriff of the County of Dauphin.

The following Gentlemen were then accepted by the Governor, as sureties, for the said Officers, vizt:—for Daniel Thomas, Isaac Thomas and Joseph Thomas, For Cephas Childs junr Cephas Childs senr and Jonathan Worthington: and for Henry Orth, John Andre Hanna, and John Kean Esquires, from whom Bonds were taken in due form.

A Certificate signed Kearney Wharton President of the Common Council, and by Francis Gurney President of the select Council, of the City of Philadelphia, certifying to the Governor the election of Hilary Baker Esquire as Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, for the ensuing year was this day presented to the Governor; whereupon the Governor administered to the Mayor, the usual oaths of fidelity and of Office.

Wednesday October 18th 1797.

A Return of the Election of Sheriffs held in the County of Northumberland was presented to the Governor, by which it, appeared, that Robert Irwin and Robert Brady were duly elected; whereupon Robert Irwin was appointed and commissioned Sheriff of the County of Northumberland, and a Commission was issued according:—William McAdams was also appointed and commissioned coroner of the said County, he having had the highest number of votes, for that Office, at the General Election.

James Cummins, John Cummis Daniel Montgomery junr John Carr and James Black were accepted as sureties for the Sheriff, and John Kelly and James Cummins, as sureties, for the said Coroner.

Friday October 20th 1797.

Upon a representation from of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia, the Governor this day issued a Proclamation, in the following words, to wit:—
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In the name and by Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Tho Mifflin By Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Said Commonwealth.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia, have reported to me, that in their judgment, it is no longer necessary to impose a general quarantine on Vessels arriving in this port, from any of the West India Islands, from New Orleans, or from any British, French, Dutch, or Spanish Ports on the Maine. Therefore I have issued this Proclamation, hereby revoking the Proclamations heretofore by me issued, bearing date the eleventh and fif-

teenth days of August last; and allowing and permitting all Vessels whatsoever arriving from any Port beyond Seas, to enter the Port of Philadelphia, without being subject to the performance of quarantine, unless the Resident Physician shall, on visiting any such Vessel, deem the same to be in a dangerous and sickly state, when such reasonable Quarantine shall be performed, as the Inspectors of the Port shall direct and establish.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Germantown, this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Commonwealth the twenty second.

By the Governor:

James Trimble,
Deputy Secretary.

Tuesday October 24th 1797.

The Governor being desirous of laying before the Legislature a statement of the circumstances attending the calamity, which has recently visited the City of Philadelphia requesting answers to the following enquiries, from the President of the College of Physicians. What measures ought to be pursued to purify the City from any latent infection? and what precautions are best calculated to guard against the future occurrence of a similar calamity?

From the Inspectors of the Health Office of the Port of Philadelphia.

At what time and what place did the disorder made its appearance, and to what quarters of the City did its ravages extend?

How many Citizens have died since the commencement of the disorder, how many recovered, who had been afflicted with it and what number of Orphans have been deprived of their parents on this occasion?

What accommodation and supplies were provided for the sick and the poor, what monies have been disbursed and what debts have been incurred?

What is the amount of the charitable contributions, for the relief of the sick and poor?

What measures are necessary to purify the City from any latent infection; and what general precautions ought to be taken to guard against a similar calamity in future?

Wednesday October 25th 1797.

The commissioned issued the eighteenth instant for Robert Irwin as Sheriff of the County of Northumberland was this day transmitted to the Recorder of that County.

Saturday October 28th 1797.

A Return of the election of Sheriffs and Coroners of the County of Huntingdon was presented to the Governor—whereupon James McMurtrie was appointed and commissioned Sheriff of the County of Huntingdon, and David Simpson Coroner of that County; and the Governor accepted as sureties David McMurtrie, Alexander McConnel and Alexander Dean for the Sheriff; and John Patton and John Blair for the Coroner.

Thursday November 2^d 1797.

Joseph Marsh Esquire, was this day appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, for the district of Southwark in the County of Philadelphia, in the room of Jonathan Penrose Esquire elected Sheriff.

Daniel Thomas's Commission as Sheriff of the County of Bucks, was this day transmitted to James Hanna Esquire of that County.

Saturday November 4th 1797.

In compliance with the request contained in the Governors letter of the 24th of last month. The Board of Inspectors of the Health Office of the City and Port of Philadelphia, this day reported answers to the Governor's enquiries as follows vizt:—

“Board of Health—Friday 3^d November 1797.

President John Miller junior Chairman

Standish Forde

James Oldden

Wm. Montgomery

Franklin Wharton

James Swain

John Letchworth

Abraham Kintzing jr

John Starr

Samuel Meeker

William Doughty

Leeson Simmons

Jacob Sherry

James King

Joseph Marsh junr

John Gardiner junr

James Whitehead

Jacob Clarkson.”

"The Board having under consideration the Governor's letter of 26th October. Report following as answers to his several enquiries."

"To the first, That the disorder commenced early in August, and first made its appearance in the neighbourhood of Penn Street, it also appeared at Kensington about the 15th August, from those places it spread to the different parts of the City, but principally from pine Street Southward so as to include Southwark. At Kensington proportioned to the number of Inhabitants, the disorder raged with considerable violence, in several of the Streets in the lower parts of the city and Southwark few families who remained in their Houses escaped an attack."

"To the second, That about twelve hundred and fifty persons including children, have died during the months of August, September and October: (a considerable number were new comers and persons not entitled to maintenance as Residents in the City and County of Philadelphia) about one thousand of those we presume were carried off with the prevailing fever. No just estimate can be formed of the number recovered, who were seized with the disorder; but probably about 4000 persons; about twenty children have come under the notice of the Board, who were deprived of their parents or left destitute; those were placed with the overseers of the Poor, who have provided a house and necessities for their accommodation."

"To the third, That the buildings at the Wigwam belonging to the public, were fitted up for the reception of the sick and convalescents, those buildings with a brick house adjoining (hired for the purpose) were sufficient to accommodate with convenience from sixty to eighty patients—During the prevalence of this disorder the expenses of the Health Office (not including State Island Hospital) will from the best estimate, that can now be made amount to nineteen thousand Dollars; about twelve thousand Dollars of which has been paid by Loans from the Bank of Pennsylvania, amounting to six thousand dollars and by appropriating about six thousand dollars of the monies raised for building an Hospital."

"To the fourth, That the Board of Health have received no donations, the Citizens having forwarded the monies raised for the use of the Poor to the Commissioners appointed by law for distributing the ten thousand dollars granted in so prompt a manner, by the Legislature, to the amount of about eighteen thousand Dollars, to Samuel Coates and others, who

assisted to afford relief to the sick and Poor to the amount of three thousand one hundred dollars, and to a Committee of Citizens, who voluntarily took charge of the tents erected for the reception of families, removing from the seat of the disorder to amount of about two thousand dollars probably the whole sum contributed will amount to 23,100 Dollars."

"To to fifth, That several reputable citizens have employed themselves in having the buildings (where the sick had been seated) properly cleaned, the board also strongly recommended to the Citizens to employ persons to air and cleanse their houses, previous to the return of their families."

"The Board having replied to all the Queries proposed by the Governor except the last, vizt:—"What general precautions ought to be taken to guard against a similar calamity in future? feel it a duty in their reply, to embrace this opportunity of expressing their opinion fully on the subject having had experience of the operation of the present system of laws for the regulation of the Health Department, and perceiving in it many and great defects and that the existing laws are quite inadequate to produce the benefits contemplated by the Legislature—They therefore suggest some amendments and alterations, which they consider of the utmost consequence, and which they are convinced would have a happy operation in preventing the introduction or the spreading of contagious disorders when they appear in the City or Liberties; and as the laws are to operate on many uninformed Citizens and Strangers, it is necessary they should be as clear and perspicuous as possible—they therefore recommend that all the existing laws, or those parts of them thought necessary to be retained, together with any new matter, be consolidated into one intire law; and all former ones repealed."

"1st A Quarantine of five days ought to be laid from the 15th June to the 15th October on all Vessels arriving from New Orleans the West Indies and the Maine."

"2^d During that period an experienced Ship Master shall be appointed by the Board to reside at the Marine Hospital, who shall visit with the resident Physician every Ship or Vessel arriving (except coasters who are not compelled to receive a visit unless they have sick on board) and who shall together with the Resident Physician make the strictest seach and examination on Board—no visit shall be made but in this manner."

"3^d That on all vessels from any Port or place having sick on board, or from a port which is declared to be sickly

a quarantine of five days shall be imposed and be prolonged at the discretion of the Resident Physician with the approation of the Board of Health, the Vessel bedding and clothing, shall be properly cleansed, and if thought necessary the spare sails washed and fumigated the cargo taken out, and such part of it as maybe necessary shall be aired and cleansed before it be permitted to be sent to the City—all vessels while detained opposite the Marine Hospital during dry weather, to have their Hatches and cabbins constantly open during the day."

"Coasting Vessels who may arrive with any sick on board, from 15th June to 15th October, shall stop opposite the Marine Hospital to receive a visit and be subject to the same regulations as those from foreign ports."

"4th Passengers and Crews of Vessels detained opposite the Marine Hospital shall be allowed to reside within the bounds thereof during such detention Masters of Vessels shall be compelled to land every person belonging to their Vessels and Passengers at the Marine Hospital at least five hours in each day when the Weather permits. Owners and Masters to be compelled to supply their crews with fresh provisions and vegetables sufficient for their maintenance during the detention—and in case of neglect, shall be furnished by the Steward of the Hospital, at the expense of the Masters and Owners—Masters to allow no persons to go on board their Vessels while under Quarantine, except the Passengers and crew, that belong to them, the Resident Physician or Ship Master appointed to visit with him—neither shall they suffer passengers nor crew to land at any place, except at the Marine Hospital, nor permit any person to have communication with them—any Master neglecting or refusing to comply with any of these regulations shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred Dollars, Pilot and Passengers fifty dollars, and any of the Officers or crew twenty dollars."

"5th That if any Master, Officer, any of the Crew Pilot or Passengers of any Vessel bound to Philadelphia and subject to the laws of the Port, previous to such Vessels receiving a Bill of Health from the Resident Physician shall be found any where within the State of Pennsylvania (except within the jurisdiction of the Marine Hospital) such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars for the payment thereof the Vessel from which said person may have landed, the Master and Owner shall be

liable except where such person may have eloped from the limits to be prescribed by the Board of Health on State Island."

6th That the Master of every Vessel arriving at the Port of Philadelphia and such of the Passengers Pilot and Crew, as the Resident Physician may deem proper be examined on Oath or Affirmation, and if any Master or Person so examined be convicted of giving false statements or shall be concerned in secreting any person on board such person shall forfeit and pay a fine of one thousand Dollars, and suffer one year's imprisonment at hard labour. That the Consulting Physician and Health Officer visit every Vessel, except coasters, at farthest, within twenty four hours after their arrival before the City and Liberties previous previous to their hauling to any Wharf, landing any Passengers or any of their Crew from 15th June to 15th October whether they have been under detention or not, and if found sickly, or in an unclean state, report their particular situation to the Board, who shall take such Order thereon as they shall judge proper—and that if any Master, Pilot, Passenger or any of the Crew shall land from said Vessel previous to such Visit the Master shall forfeit and pay a fine of five hundred dollars."

"7th That as these regulations will increase the number of Vessels to be visited, the fee of the Resident Physician and Consulting Physician should not exceed two dollars for each Vessel visited."

"8th For the accommodation of persons arriving in Vessels detained at the Marine Hospital the buildings occupied by the Resident Physician should be appropriated to the Officers and Passengers and a suitable one prepared for the Crews—Additional and more convenient Storehouses built for the reception of cargoes which may require cleansing—An additional quantity of land from eight to ten acres procured adjoining the present precincts, and another house build for the Resident Physician."

"In addition to the foregoing regulations which are calculated chiefly to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases from abroad under which description the board are clearly of opinion are to be considered the fevers of 1793 and 1797.—It appears indispensibly necessary that the Officers employed in the business should believe in the doctrine of contagious diseases being imported, as persons possessing that belief will be likely to be the most guarded in their

examinations—That the Consulting and Resident Physicians and the Health Officers, be liable to a fine of four hundred dollars for neglect of duty and to dismissal from Office on the request of a majority of the Inspectors."

"In the event of a contagious disease being introduced into the City the Board are of opinion that if prompt and efficient measures could be immediately pursued under the Sanction of the laws that it might be intirely extinguished in its first stage, or at any rate much of its fatality avoided, to this end they recommend."

"1st That the present Hospital be sold, and a large commodious one, with a number of small separate buildings be erected, on high and healthy ground, sufficient to contain four or five hundred patients—That a Steward and Matron shall constantly reside there, the Hospital and out buildings to be at all times ready to receive such persons as may be sent there."

"2^d The Board to have authority to raise by loan when the exigencies of the City and Liberties may require it such sums as may be necessary to be repaid by a tax to be repaid by a tax to be laid on the Citizens."

"3^d Every occupier of houses for the reception and accommodation of sea faring people, or strangers coming from on ship board from the 15th June to 15th October shall report to the Health Officer or Consulting Physician every person who may be taken sick in their Houses who shall immediately visit such person—Any occupier of Houses afore-said neglecting or refusing shall forfeit any pay the sum of one hundred dollars."

"4th The owners of Docks from Pooles bridge to the upper side of Almond Street, should be compelled without delay to have them properly cleansed out, and deepened so as that at low water the bottom thereof may be covered, and where this cannot be done such dock to be filled up."

"5th The City and County Commissioners to see that the Streets lanes, buildings and lots are kept properly cleansed in the city and Liberties."

"6th The Board strongly recommend that measures be immediately taken to have a supply of pure water introduced into the City and Liberties, as well for family uses as to purify and cleanse the City."

"7th That whenever there is reason to apprehend the existence of a contagious disease (other than small pox or measles) the Board shall be authorised to select five Physi-

ciens, who will take the subject into serious consideration and give an opinion thereupon If a majority shall agree that a disease exists in the City or Liberties, in its nature contagious or likely to become so, The Board to have full power and authority to adopt such regulations to remove or arrest its progress as they may deem expedient; they shall have power to remove the sick, when it can be done consistent with humanity and propriety to remove all persons who may be in danger of receiving or spreading the contagion to prevent all intercourse with infected places and persons, except what they shall deem absolutely necessary."

"The Governor at the request of the Board to issue his Proclamation ordaining and directing all persons to conform to the rules and regulations of the Health Office, and commanding all Officers civil and Military to aid the Inspectors to carry their regulations into effect, all persons opposing them to be liable to a fine of One hundred dollars or three months Imprisonment.

Approved unanimously by the Board.

Jno. Miller junr Chairman."

Return of an Election of Militia Officers to supply vacancies in the Bucks County Brigade, was made by the Brigade Inspector of that County; and Commissions were made out accordingly, vizt:—

Thomas McKeen Major of the first Battalion in the first Regiment—Commission dated 28th October 1797.

James Backhouse, Captain of the first Company in the first Regiment—Commission dated 4th November 1797.

George Roofe Ensign of the fourth Company in the first Regiment—Commission dated 4th Nov. 1797.

Jacob Phillips—Lieutenant of the seventh Company in the first Regiment—Commission dated Oct. 4th 1797.

John Ricthline—Ensign of the same Company and Regiment—Commission dated October 4th 1797.

John Riale Lieutenant of the third company in the fourth Regiment—Commission dated October 23^d 1797.

John Simpson Lieutenant of the eighth company in the fourth Regiment Commission dated Oct. 23^d 1797.

John Farabe—Ensign of Ditto in Ditto—Commission dated October 23^d 1797.

Monday November 6th 1797.

Upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail

of the City and County of Philadelphia, the Governor granted Pardons to the following named Persons vizt:—

Robert Smith convicted of Larceny the County of Philadelphia in March 1797; and sentenced to six months imprisonment, and fined three pounds with costs &c.

William Langdon, who was convicted of forging and uttering a check on the Bank of the United States, and sentenced to hard labour for one year, and fined eight dollars and fifteen cents with Costs &c.

Edward Gray, who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, in the County of Huntingdon and fined ten pounds with costs &c.

Thomas Evans, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for three Months, and fined 21 Dollars with costs of suit &c.

John Holland, who was convicted of Larceny upon two Indictments and sentenced to hard labour for eighteen months, and fined three pounds twelve shillings with costs of suit &c.

Solomon Driggs, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to two years hard labour and fined eight dollars with costs &c.

Thomas Divine, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to one years hard labour and fined four pounds with costs of suit &c.

John Handy, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to three months hard labour, and fined three Dollars and three pence with costs of suit &c.

Daniel Sullivan, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to three months hard labour, and fined eleven shillings and three pence with costs &c.

Eleanor Higgins convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to one year and six months hard labour and fined fifteen pounds fifteen shillings with costs &c.

Thomas Fell, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to one years hard labour and fined thirty six Dollars with costs &c.

James Barry, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to one year and six months hard labour and fined thirty two pounds fourteen shillings and six pence with costs &c.

Matthew Dawsey, who was convicted of Larceny at a Mayor's Court and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour

for one year and six Months, and fined seven pounds, nineteen shillings with costs &c.

The Governor wrote a letter to Doctr Benjamin Rush Practitioner of Physick, and his Brethern of the Faculty, requesting them to furnish him with such opinion as their researches and experience have enabled them to form, as to the original progress and nature of the disease, that has recently afflicted the City of Philadelphia that the same may be communicated to the Legislature at their next meeting, with a view that the most effecacious precautions should be taken to prevent a recurrence of so dreadful a calamity.

Tuesday November 7th 1797.

In compliance with the request contained in the Governors letter the twenty fourth of last month the President of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, this day, reported answers to the Governors enquiries as follows vizt:—
“Sir

“We have have duly considered your letter of the 24th Ult^o and shall chearfully comply with the requisitions contained therein.”

“The measures to be pursued for purifying the City from any latent Infection are such as we have heretofore recommended. vizt:—A strict attention to cleanliness, washing, whitewashing and ventilating the infected Houses, Bedding and Clothing; and fumigating them with Charcoal and Sulpher or a mixture of oil of vitriol and saltpetre—These with the frost we believe will be found sufficient entirely to destroy any latent contagion.”

“But the latter part of your enquiry viz: What Precautions are best calculated to guard against the future occurrence of a similar calamity, is, an object of such magnitude as to demand a more particular reply.”

“We have on former occasions communicated our sentiments on this head, but as you now inform us, that it is intended to establish a foundation for future regulations, we willingly enter into the detail, and though this will principally consist of repetition, yet it maybe useful to have our ideas presented in one view, for your consideration. And as these sentiments have been more fully confirmed by recent events, we are again induced earnestly to recommend a strict adoption of the measures we advised in our communication of August 18th 1797 as being the best calcu-

lated to guard against the future introduction of contagious diseases. We now recapitulate those advices with some additions."

"Let an entire new health law be made constituting a Board of Health to consist of five persons two of whom to be practitioners of Physic—The smallness of the number will ensure responsibility and a constant, residence in the City—and Professional knowledge will be necessary to assist in directing the measures of the Board. Let no person whose private interest may be affected by Quarantine laws be a member of this Board."

"Let a sufficient sum of money per annum be subject to the Drafts of the Board; who shall render to the Assembly a yearly account of their expenditures.—Let this board sit daily during the Months of July, August, September and October, and during these months let every Vessel from the Mediterranean Coast of Africa. West Indies, and continent of America to the Southward of Florida, perform an effectual Quarantine. Let the Cargoes of suspicious Vessels be unloaded, and with the Vessels be purified at the Island."

"Let a Resident Physician, or Health Officer be appointed, who shall never be absent from the Island during the above mentioned Months, and a Consulting Physician, who shall reside at Philadelphia."

"Let the Punishment of a Master of a Vessel, who evades the law, by landing Cargo, Crew or Passengers contrary to the intent and meaning of it, be the same as for murder of the second degree. Let no Vessel of War be allowed to come above the Fort."

"Let co-operative laws be procured from the neighbouring Legislatures or from Congress."

"Let the Board of Health have full power with the concurrence of the Governor, to cutt off the intercourse with infected persons and places."—Let the long projected Hospital be erected."

"Let the most diligent and scrupulous attention be given to cleaning and watering the Streets, Gutters and Wharves, throughout the City and Liberties"

"Such are the precautions which we believe best calculated to guard against the future occurrence of calamities similar to those we have experienced. If further discoveries shall happily add to our knowledge on this important subject we shall not fail to make such communications to the Governor without delay."

Philada Nov. 7th 1797. By order of the College of Physicians
Tho C. James

Secrety
to His Excellency
Governor Mifflin."

John Redman Prest.

Wednesday November 8th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar with one Horse, for one year within this Commonwealth, upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Dauphin County; and Bond given according to law.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons vizt:—

To Lewis Osmont, who was convicted of an intention to cheat and defraud the Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, and sentenced to one years imprisonment at hard labour and fined five hundred dollars, with costs of suit &c.

To John Poyk, who was convicted of an Assault and Battery and sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars with costs of prosecution, and to give security for good behaviour &c.

Tuesday November 9th 1797.

A Resolution of the Board of Inspectors of the Health Office of Philadelphia expressing an opinion unanimously that the Resident Physician and Consulting Physician of the Port are improper persons to fill the stations they now do, was this day received and the same was immediately communicated to Doctors Duffield and Mease in a letter written by the Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor, for their information, and to give them an opportunity of making any remarks, or giving any explanation which the occasion suggests.

A Letter was written by the Governor to the President of the United States informing him that a Contract has been concluded with Messrs Thomas and John Ketland for supplying the State of Pennsylvania with ten thousand stands of arms; and requesting that the president will favor the Executive of this State, with a letter to the American Minister at the Court of London, in order to obtain the necessary permit for exporting the arms from Great Britain.

Friday November 10th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Pedlar with one horse, for on year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Alexander Phillips, upon recommendation from the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County; and Bond given accordingly.

Saturday November 11th 1797.

The Governor, this day accepted the resignation of Benjamin Brooke, Esquire, of his Office of Justice of the Peace, for the district of Upper and Lower Merion Townships, in the County of Montgomery; and thereupon in compliance, with a respectable recommendation, appointed and commissioned John Curwen, to fill the the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation.

Wednesday November 15th 1797.

A contract was, this day, concluded with Thomas and John Ketland of the City of Philadelphia Merchants, for importing ten thousand stands of arms for the use of the Commonwealth, under an Act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty eighth day of March last as follows vizt:—

Articles of Agreement, made and entered into on the fifteenth day of November, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven Between Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the said Commonwealth of the one part; and Thomas Ketland and John Ketland of the City of Philadelphia in the said Commonwealth Merchants of the other part; Whereas, the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, did in and by an Act entitled “An Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth,” passed the twenty eighth day of March last authorize and empower the Governor to procure by purchase, as speedily as may be, ten thousand stands of arms of a size and quality best adapted for field service to be of the fashion or pattern of the French Charleville Musquet and of the dimensions following, to wit:—the length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches and to receive a ball of the size of eighteen to the pound; each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use, for the proof on those made for the service of the United States, and to be stamped or marked near the breech with the letters C P. the locks to be upon the best construction, double briddled

on a flat plate and marked with the letters aforesaid; the mounting Iron with the bands and swivels and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered steel; the bayonets to be fifteen inches in the blade made of steel well tempered and polished; the stocks to be made of well seasoned walnut; the length of the butt of the Musquet to be fifteen and a half inches from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate; the side pins, the breech pins and trigger to be case hardened; the weight of the Musquet and bayonet thus compleated not to exceed eleven pounds: And Whereas, the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland have made proposals for importing into this Commonwealth from foreign parts the ten thousand stands of Arms before mentioned, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature, which proposals the said Thomas Mifflin, deems it for the interest of the said Commonwealth to accept. Now these Articles witness, that for the consideration herein after mentioned they the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland have and by these presents do, and each of them doth agree undertake and contract to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his successors Governors of the said Commonwealth in manner and form following, to wit:—that they the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland shall and will well and truly furnish ten thousand stands of arms agreeably to patterns (of which two are to be delivered to them, one to be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to remain in the City of Philadelphia, and the other to be send to England for the purpose of being compared with the arms at the Manufactory) and in all respects conformably to the description before recited; that they shall and will deliver the said Arms in the City of Philadelphia at their own risque cost and charge, within twelve months from the date of the present contract; that the said Arms shall be of good quality and workmanship, at least equal to the standard Patterns aforesaid; and that the barrels shall be proved at the expense of the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland according to the standard proof made use of at the tower of London in proportion to the caliber of said Muskets by such person or persons as shall be appointed by them, and of whose skill judgement and fidelity satisfactory certificates and proofs shall from time to time be exhibited to the Governor by the said Thomas and John Ketland on the delivery of the Arms; and that they shall and will cause the said Arms to be stamped on the barrels and locks as the said recited Act prescribes, and also the Stocks to be

branded with the words Pennsylvania, in small Roman capitals: And the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland each for himself his heirs, executors and administrators, and each for the other and their respective heirs executors and administrators covenant promise and agree, to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, that they and each of them will well and truly do execute and perform all and singular the agreements undertakings and contracts aforesaid. And the said Thomas Mifflin on behalf of the said Commonwealth in consideration of the undertakings and contracts herein before specified covenants promises and agrees to and with the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland and each and every of them, that on delivery of the said Arms agreeably to contract, they the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland shall have and receive at the rate of ten dollars and twenty five cents for each stand that shall be found to be complete agreeably to the standard Pattern and the description herein before recited to be paid on the delivery of each parcel of not less than one thousand stands of such arms, that the said Thomas Mifflin Governor of the said Commonwealth shall and will procure letters from the Executive of the United States to their Minister in London, to obtain permission from the Court of London for the Shipment of the said ten thousand stands of Arms and will cause the permission for that purpose to be delivered to the Agent of the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland in that behalf by them appointed and that the Governor shall and will also procure the said Arms to be imported and entered here free of duty, otherwise, that the duties shall be paid by the said Commonwealth. In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have set their hands and seals, the day and year first herein written,

Sealed & delivered in
the presence of us

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Tho. Mifflin [Seal]
Tho Ketland [Seal]
Jno. Ketland [Seal]

The words "November," and "by them and of whose skill, judgment and fidelity satisfactory certificates and proofs, from time to time, be exhibited to the Governor by the said Thomas and John Ketland on the delivery of the

arms," being first wrote on
an erasure.

James Trimble
Joshua Tyson
Jno. Hastings

Pennsylvania sst

Know all men, by these presents, That we Thomas Ketland and John Ketland of the City of Philadelphia Merchants, and Thomas Fitzsimons and James Yard of the same City Merchants are held and firmly bound unto Alexander James Dallas Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the use of the said Commonwealth in the sum of ninety four thousand Pounds to be paid to the said Alexander James Dallas or to his successors in the said Office: To the which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally for and in the whole, our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. Whereas the said Thomas Ketland and John Ketland have this day entered into a Contract, with the Governor for importing into this Commonwealth, for public use ten thousand stands of arms, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of an Act of General Assembly, passed the twenty eighth day of March last. Now the condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounded Thomas Ketland and John Ketland, shall and do in all things well and truly execute and perform the said Contract according to the terms stipulations and conditions thereof, then the above written obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered in	}	Thos Ketland	[Seal]
the presence of us		Jno. Ketland	[Seal]
James S. Cox		Thos Fitzsimons	[Seal]
Abijah Dawes		James Yard	[Seal]

A letter was this day received by the Governor from the Minister of Spain complaining of certain libellous publications; and a copy of it, with the report of the Attorney General, on the subject, was immediately transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Commonwealth, under a persuasion that the most respectful attention will be paid to the Minister's complaints, the Governor submitting to him the adoption of

all proper and legal measures for instituting and supporting of prosecution of which the Minister was informed in a letter from the Governor.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor, requested the Comptroller and Register General of Accounts to report a State of the finances of the Commonwealth, ending with the last day of the present Month in order that the same maybe communicated to the Legislature at their next Session in december.

The Governor, this day, upon the recommendation of the Inspectors, of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, granted Pardons to the following named Persons vizt:—

Hugh Baine convicted of Involuntary manslaughter in Philadelphia and sentenced to two years servitude at hard labour, and to give security for his good behaviour &c.

Henry Fight convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour, for the space of one year and to pay a fine of ten dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

James McFee convicted of Larceny and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for one year, and fined four dollars with costs of prosecution &c.

Eleanor White convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to six months servitude at hard labour, and fined forty Dollars with costs of prosecution &c.

James Dawsey, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to hard labour for one year and six months, and to pay a fine of twenty Dollars with Costs &c.

John Walters convicted of Larceny, upon two Indictments, and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for one year, and fined thirty five shillings with costs of suit.

Friday November 17th 1797.

The Agent of Information, William Alexander, was requested, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under orders from the Governor to furnish a complete view of the existing Contracts and Improvements, respecting Roads and Rivers on or before the first of December next, as information to be communicated to the Legislature.

Saturday November 18th 1797.

Information was this day given to William Fitzgerald to the Governor, that an Escheat hath happened to the Com-

monwealth, of Personal Estate in the District of Southwark, in the County of Philadelphia, by the death of Susanna Hunter, late of that place, intestate, and without heirs or known kindred.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Jacob Miller, who was convicted of Adultry, and was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Berks County to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of Twenty pounds with costs of suit &c.

Monday November 20th 1797.

Upon a Return made according to law a Commission was issued to William Connel as Captain of an Artillery Company belonging to the Dauphin County Brigade of Militia.

The application of Mark John Biddle and Daniel Clymer in favor of Benjamin Bailey convicted of Murder of the first degree, in the County of Berks, for a stay of execution, in consequence of an exception, which they have taken to the proceedings of the Court against him,—having been referred to the Attorney General, his opinion was that the exceptions are not valid, and that an application ought not to be made to the Governor, upon a question of law, which has been judicially decided, as the same should only be judicially reversed—was this day received and immediately communicated to the said Gentlemen.

Wednesday November 22^d 1797.

Thomas Black was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace for the district of Manahan and Warrington townships in the County of York.

Friday November 24th 1797.

An application of Jeremial Barker of Pittsburgh in the County of Allegheny, for the purchase of an Island in the River Ohio containing forty one acres and one hundred and nineteen perches of land about five or six miles below Pittsburgh was received, and refered to the Land Officers under the Governors instructions already given to them relative to the sale of Islands.

Monday November 27th 1797.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned Doctor Christian Espick to be a Justice of the Peace in and for

the township and district of Potters in the County of Northumberland.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons—vizt:—Jacob Schaffer, Frederick Singlin and Andrew Willour, convicted of Riot and Assault in Northampton County, and sentenced to one months imprisonment at hard labour and fined each in the sum of eight dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

James Sceely convicted of Larceny in the City of Philadelphia, and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for one year, and to pay a fine of ten dollars, with costs of suit.

Charles Cassady, convicted of Larceny in the City of Philadelphia, and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and fined three pounds, with costs of suit &c.

Ned Caton (a Negro) convicted in Dauphin County of Larceny; and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for eighteen Months, and fined three pounds seven shillings with costs of suit &c.

Fanny Cummings, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour, for one year, and fined twenty six shillings with costs of suit &c.

James Brady, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and fined three pounds two shillings, with costs &c.

Wednesday November 29th 1798 [1797] (sic)

Licences to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, within this Commonwealth, for one year from this date, were granted to Solomon Levy, Thomas Orr, and Arthur ONiehl, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and Bonds given according to law, the two former on foot, and the latter with one Horse.

A Return of the election of a Representative in Congress, for the district composed of the Counties of Berks and Luzerne, by which it appeared that Joseph Heister was duly elected in the first mentioned County, was received from the County of Berks, by hands of the Sheriff of that County. But the Sheriff of the County of Luzerne, having neglected to make a Return, from that County of the said Election,—by order of the Governor the Secretary wrote a letter requiring him to make such return without delay.

The forfeiture incurred by James Gibson's non-appearance of his son Alexander Gibson, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Chester County in November 1797, to take his trial for Larceny, the said James having become bound by recognizance for such appearance,—was this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Thursday November 30th 1797.

A Return of the Election of a Representative in Congress, for the district of the Counties of Berks and Luzerne, which was received from Berks County yesterday was this day transmitted to Jonathan Dayton, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, together with a copy of Mr Ege's resignation, and a copy of the writ issued by the Governor, for holding a new Election, at which election Joseph Hiester Esquire, was elected.

Friday December 1st 1797.

The Governor granted a Pardon to William Poston convicted in Chester County, upon two Indictments, of Riot Assault and Battery, and sentenced to an imprisonment of twenty days, and fined forty dollars, with costs of suit &c.

Saturday December 2^d 1797.

The resignation of George Lamb, Esquire, of his Office of Justice of the Peace, for Bullskin district in the County of Fayette,—was this day accepted by the Governor.

Monday December 4th 1797.

The Governor, this day, in compliance with the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, granted Pardons to the following named persons, confined in the said Jail vizt:

Charles McNiff convicted of receiving the property of Duncan McPhail, knowing the same to have been stolen and sentenced to one year's hard labour, and fined £20.0.0 with costs of suit &c

Patrick Kelly convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the

Mayor's Court to one year's hard labour and fined twenty seven dollars and seventy five cents, with costs of suit &c

Isaac Haffa, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Berks, to one year's imprisonment at hard labour and give security for good behaviour &c

Cornelius Sullivan, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to a servitude at hard labour for four Months and fined, by the Mayor's Court, eight dollars & fifty cents.

Tuesday December 5th 1797.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of John Starbird, Esquire, of his Office of Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Lower Smithfield township in the County of Northampton in consequence of his election to a seat in the General Assembly.

In compliance with a respectable recommendation the Governor this day, granted a Pardon to Edward McClosky and Patrick McClosky, who were severally convicted, in Chester County, upon two indictments of Assault and Battery and were sentenced each of them by the said County's Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to undergo an Imprisonment for the space of twenty days, and were fined, the said Edward McCloskey, in the sum of one hundred dollars, and the said Patrick McCloskey in the sum of forty dollars, with costs of suit &c

In compliance with the request contained in the Governor's letter of the 6th day of November last Doctor Benjamin Rush and his Associate Physicians of Philadelphia reported an answer to the enquiries contained in that letter, as follows, vizt:

"Sir.

In compliance with your request the subscribers have devoted themselves to the investigation of the origin progress and nature of the fever, which lately prevailed in our city, and we have now the honor of communicating to you the result of our enquiries and observations."

We conceive the fever which has lately prevailed in our City, commonly called the yellow fever, to be the bilious remitting fever of warm climates excited to a higher degree of malignity by circumstances to be mentioned hereafter.

Our reasons for this opinion are as follows, vizt:

1st The sameness of their origin both being the offspring

of putrifaction. Of this there are many proofs in the histories of the yellow fever in the West Indies. Where there is no putrifaction the West India Islands enjoy a perfect exemption from that disease, in common with northern climates.

"2dly The yellow fever makes its appearance in those months chiefly in which the bilious fever prevails, in our county and is uniformly checked and destroyed by the same causes, viz heavy rains and frosts."

"3dly The symptoms of the bilious and yellow fever are the same in their nature. They differ only in their degree. It is no objection to this assertion, that there is sometimes a deficiency or absence of bile in the yellow fever. This symptom is the effect only of a torpid state of the liver, produced by the greater force of the disease acting upon that part of the body. By means of depleting remedies this torpor is removed and the disease thereby made to assume its original and simple bilious character."

4thly The common bilious and yellow fever often run into each other. By depleting remedies the most malignant yellow fever may be changed into a common bilious fever, and by tonic remedies, improperly applied, the common bilious fever may be made to assume the symptoms of the most malignant yellow fever.

5thly The common bilous and yellow fevers are alike contagious, under certain circumstances of the weather and of predisposition in the body. That the common bilous fever is contagious we assert from the observations of some of us and from the authority of many Physicians, who have long commanded the highest respect in medicine.

6thly The yellow and mild bilious fevers mutually propagate each other. We conceive a belief in the unity of these two states of fever to be deeply interesting to humanity inasmuch as it may lead to the early application for medical aid and physicians to the use of the same remedies for each of them, varying those remedies only according to the force of the disorder. It is no objection to this opinion that, that state of bilious fever called the yellow fever is a modern appearance in our country. From certain revolutions in the atmosphere as yet observed only but not accounted for by Physicians, diseases have in all ages and countries alternatively risen and fallen in their force and danger. At present a constitution of the atmosphere prevails in the United States, which disposes to a fever of a highly inflammatory character. It began in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety three. Its duration in other countries has been from one to fifty years.

It is not peculiar to the common bilious fever to have put on more inflammatory symptoms, than in former years. There is scarcely a disease which has not been affected in a similar way by the late change in our atmosphere, and that does not call for a greater force of depleting remedies than were required to cure them before the year, on thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

7thly And lastly—The yellow fever affects the system more than once, in common with the bilious fever. Of this there were many instances during the prevalence of our late epidemic.

The fever which lately prevailed in our City appears from the documents which accompany this letter to have been derived from the following sources.

1st Putrid exhalations from the gutters streets ponds and marshy grounds in the neighbourhood of the City. From some one of these sources we derive a case attended by Dr Caldwell of the 9th of June—one attended by Dr. Pascalis on the 22d of July and two cases attended by Dr Rush and Dr Physic on the 5th and 15th of the same month; and also most of those cases of yellow fever, which appeared in the northern parts of the City and near Kensington Bridge, in the months of August September and October. We are the more satisfied of the truth of this source of the fever from the numerous accounts we have received of the prevalence of the same fever and from the same causes, during the late autumn in New York and in various parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, not only in sea ports but inland towns—The peculiar disposition of these exhalations to produce disease and death was evinced early in the season by the mortality which prevailed among the cats and during every part of the season by the mortality which prevailed in many parts of our Country among horses. The disease which proved so fatal to the latter animals is known among the farmers by the name of the yellow water. We conceive it to be a modification of yellow fever.

2dly A second source of our late fever appears to have been derived from the noxious air emitted from the hold of the snow navigation, Captain Linstrovm, which arrived with a healthy crew from Marseilles on the 25th of July and discharged her cargo at Latimers wharf after a passage of eighty days. We are led to ascribe the principal part of the disease which prevailed in the South end of the City to this noxious air and that for the following reasons

1st The fever appeared first on board this Vessel and in its neighbourhood, affecting a great number of persons nearly at the same time and so remote from each other, that it could not be propagated by contagion.

2^{dly} There was in the hold of this vessel a quantity of vegetable matters such as prunes, almonds, olives, capers and several other articles some of which were in a state of putrefaction.

3^{dly} A most offensive smell was emitted from this vessel after she had discharged her cargo which was perceived by persons several hundred feet from the wharf where she was moored.

A similar fever has been produced from similar causes in a variety of instances: we shall briefly mention a few of them.

At Tortola a fever was produced in the month of June in the year 1787, on board the ship *Britannia* Capt James Welch, from the noxious air generated from a few bushels of Potatoes, which destroyed the Captain, Mate and most of the crew in a few days.

The sailors were affected with a malignant fever on board the — Captain Thomas Egger in the Month of March 1797, from the noxious air produced by wine that had putrified in the hold of the Ship, one of whom died soon after her arrival in Philadelphia.

In the Month of June 1793 the yellow fever was generated by the noxious air of some rotten bags of pepper on board a french Indiaman, which was carried into the Port of Bridgetown, by the British Letter of Marque *Pilgrim*. All the whitemen and most of the Negroes employed in removing this Pepper perished with the Yellow fever, and the foul atmosphere affected the town where it proved fatal to many of the Inhabitants.

On board the *Bushbridge* Indiaman a yellow fever was produced in the Month of May 1792. on her passage from England to Madrass, which affected above two hundred of the crew. It was supposed to be derived from infection, but many circumstances concur to make it probable that it was derived from noxious air. The absence of smell in the air does not militate against this opinion for there are many proofs of the most malignant fevers being brot' on by airs which produce no impression on the sense of smelling. This is more frequently the case when the impure air has passed a considerable distance from its source and become diluted with the purer air of the atmosphere.

Several cases are related by Dr. Lind in his treatise upon fever and infection of the yellow fever originating at sea, under circumstances, which forbade the suspicion of infection, and which can only be ascribed to the impure air generated from putrid vegetables.

So well known and so generally admitted is this source of yellow fever in warm climates that Dr. Shannon a late writer upon the means of preventing the disease of warm climates, in enumerating its various causes expressly mentions the putrid affluvia from a Ship's hold.

We wish due attention to be paid to these facts not only because they lead to the certain means of preventing one of the sources of this fever, but because they explain the reason why sailors are so often its first victims, and why from this circumstance the origin of the disease has been so hastily but erroneously ascribed solely to importation.

The fever which prevailed along the shore of the Delaware in Kensington and which proved fatal to Mr. Jos. Bower and two of his family, we believe originated from the noxious air emitted from the hold of the ship *Huldah* Captain William Warner. This air was generated by the putrefaction of Coffee, which had remained there during her voyage from Philadelphia to Hamburg and back again.

In the course of our inquiries we were led to suspect, one source of our late fever to be of foreign origin. The sails of the armed ship *Hynd* on board of which several persons had died with yellow fever on her passage from Port *au Prince*, and which arrived on the fourth of August were sent to the sail store of Mr. Moyse. Four persons belonging to loft were soon afterwards affected with symptoms of bilious yellow fever. We shall not decide positively upon the origin of the fever in these cases; but the following facts render it probable, that it was not derived from the persons who had died with it on board the suspected vessel 1st The sails emitted an offensive smell. 2^{dly} Three of the cases of the persons affected in the sail loft, were of a mild grade of the fever. 3^{dly} The fever was not propagated by contagion from any one of them. 4^{thly} The sail loft was within the influence of the noxious air which was emitted from the hold of the *Snow Navigation* being not more than fifty yards and was in the direction of the wind, which blew at that time over her. The extent of this air has not been accurately ascertained, but many analogies give us reason to believe that it may be conveyed by the wind in its deleterious state from half a mile to a mile.

In support of the opinion we have delivered of the origin of our late fever we must add further that, in that part of the city which lies between Walnut and Vine Streets and which appeared to be free from the effects of exhalations, and the noxious air of the ships, there were but few cases of the fever which appeared to spread by contagion, even under the most favorable circumstances for that purpose.

Having pointed out—the nature and origin of our late fever we hope we shall be excused in mentioning the means of preventing it in future. These are—

First a continuance of the present laws for preventing the importation of the disease from the West Indies and other parts of the world where it usually prevails.

Secondly. Removing all those matters from our Streets, gutters, cellars, yards, vaults, ponds &c which by putrefaction in warm weather afford the most frequent remote cause of the disease, in all countries. For this purpose we recommend the appointment of a certain number of Physicians whose business it shall be to inspect all such places in the City and Northern Liberties and Southwark as contain any matters, by putrifaction of producing the disease and to have them removed.

Thirdly. We earnestly recommend the frequent washing of all impure parts of the City in warm and dry weather by means of the pumps, until the water of the Schuylkill can be made to wash all the Streets of the City; a measure which we conceive promises to our citizens the most durable exemption from bilious levers of all kinds of domestic origin.

Fourthly. To guard against the frequent source of yellow fever from the noxious air of the holds of ships, we recommend the unloading all ships with cargoes liable to putrefaction at a distance from the City during the months of June, July, August, September and October. To prevent the generation of noxious air in the ships we conceive every vessel should be obliged by law to carry and use a ventilator, and we recommend in a particular manner, the one lately contrived by Mr Benjamin Wynkoop. We believe this invention to be one of the most important and useful that has been made in modern times; and that it is calculated to prevent not only the decay of ships and cargoes, but a very frequent source of pestilential diseases of all kinds in commercial cities.

In thus deciding upon the nature of our late fever, we expect to administer consolation to our fellow Citizens, upon

the cause of our late calamity for in pointing out its origin to the senses we are enabled immediately and certainly to prevent it. But while the only source of it is believed to be from, abroad, and while its entrance into our city is believed to be in ways so numerous and insidious as to elude the utmost possible vigilance of health Officers, we are led in despair to consider the disease as removed beyond the prevention of human power or wisdom. It has been by adopting measures similar to those we have delivered for preventing pestilential diseases, that most of the Cities in Europe, which are situated in warm climates, have become healthy in warm seasons and amidst the closest commercial intercourse with nations and Islands constantly afflicted with those diseases. The extraordinary cleanliness of the Hollanders, was originally imposed upon by the frequency of pestilential fevers in their Cities. This habit of cleanliness has continued to characterize those people after the causes which produced it have probably ceased to be known.

In thus urging a regard to the domestic sources of the yellow fever, we are actuated by motives of a magnitude far beyond those which determine ordinary questions in science. Though we feel the strongest conviction, that the value of property, the encrease of commerce and the general prosperity of our city will be eminently forwarded by the adoption of the foregoing propositions yet these are but little objects in our view when compared with the prevention of the immense mass of distress, which never fails to accompany a mortal epidemic. We consider ourselves moreover as deciding upon a question which is to affect the lives and happiness not only of the present inhabitants of Philadelphia, but of millions yet unborn in every part of the globe.

We are, with the greatest respect, Sir,

Your very humble Servants 1795 December 5th

Benja Rush	Samuel Cooper
Charles Caldwell	James Stuart
Wm. De Wees	Felix Pascalis
John Redman Coxe	Joseph Strong
James Reynolds	Philip Syng Physick
John C Otto	Francis Bowes Sayre
	William Boys

Wednesday December 6th 1797.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons and Remissions to the following named persons. Viz^t:—

Patrick Caveny, convicted of Horse-stealing, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Washington County, to a servitude at hard labour for the space of fourteen years and fined in the sum of Eighty seven pounds ten shillings, with costs of prosecution &c.

Elisha Taylor, convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Chester County to undergo a servitude at hard labour, for the space of seven years, and fined eight dollars with costs of suit &c.

John Third convicted of Keeping a Tippling-house in the City of Philadelphia and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the use of the Commonwealth, with costs of suit &c.

Thursday December 7th 1797.

A contract was this day concluded, with Owen Evans of Providence township in the County of Montgomery for supplying the Commonwealth with twelve hundred stands of Arms, part of the ten thousand stands of arms which by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the 28th of March 1797, are to be manufactured in the United States. The Contract was in the words following, to wit:—

Articles of agreement made and entered into on the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, Between Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the said Commonwealth, of the one part; and Owen Evans of Providence Township in the County of Montgomery, in the said Commonwealth gunsmith of the other part. Whereas, the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, did in and by an Act entitled "An Act to provide Arms for the use of the Commonwealth," passed the twenty eighth day of March last, authorize and empower the Governor to procure by purchase as speedily as may be ten thousand stands of Arms to be made or manufactured within the United States, of a size and quality best adapted for field service to be of the fashion or pattern of the French Charleville Musquet and of the dimensions following to wit—the length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches, and to receive a ball of the size of eighteen to the pound; each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use for the proof on those made for the service of the United States and to be stamped or marked near the breech with the letters C P. the locks to be upon the best construction double bridled on a flat plate

marked with the letters afores^d; the mounting Iron with bands and swivels and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered steel; the Bayonets to be fifteen inches in the blade, made of steel well tempered, and polished; the stock to be made of well seasoned walnut; the length of the butt of the musket to be fifteen and a half inches from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate; the side pins, the breech pins and trigger to be case hardened; the weight of the musket and bayonet thus compleated not to exceed eleven pounds, and whereas the said Owen Evans hath made proposals for manufacturing twelve hundred stands of the said Arms before mentioned, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature, which the said Thomas Mifflin deems it for the interest of the Commonwealth to accept. Now these articles witness that for the consideration hereinafter mentioned he the said Owen Evans hath and by these presents doth, agree undertake and contract to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, in manner and form following to wit—that he the said Owen Evans, shall and will well and truly manufacture and furnish, twelve hundred stands of the said Arms, agreeably to the pattern deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and in all respects conformably to the description herein before recited to be inspected by a person to be appointed by the Governor; that he shall and will deliver the said Arms in the City of Philadelphia, at his own risk cost and charge, within twelve months from the first day of January next; that the said Arms shall be of good quality and workmanship at least equal to the standard pattern aforesaid; and that he shall and will cause the said Arms to be stamped on the barrels and locks as the said recited Act prescribes and also the stocks to be branded with the word Pennsylvania in small Roman Capitals. And the said Owen Evans for himself his heirs executors and Administrators doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, that he will well and truly do execute and perform all and singular the agreements undertakings and contracts aforesaid. And the said Thomas Mifflin on behalf of the said Commonwealth, in consideration of the undertakings and contracts herein before specified covenants promises and agrees to and with the said Owen Evans, that on delivery of the said Arms agreeably to Contract, he the said Owen Evans shall have and receive at the rate of thirteen dollars and one third of a dollar, for

each stand that shall be found to be complete agreeably to the standard pattern and the description herein before recited— that the said Arms shall be proved at the expense of the state, at the place of making them, by a person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose; that the expense of portage and boxing the said arms, shall be paid by the State; that the said Owen Evans shall have and receive in advance from time to time, during the said twelve months, one third of the amount of the Arms contracted for as aforesaid; and that at the expiration of the said twelve months, and upon the completion of this contract, the said Contractor shall have a preference for any subsequent Contract, on equal terms with other proposals made at that time. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first herein written.

Sealed &c delivered in^{*}
the presence of
Joshua Tyson
John Hastings

} Tho. Mifflin [Seal]
 Owen Evans [Seal]

Pennsylvania sst—

Knew all men by these presents, That we Owen Evans of Providence township Montgomery County Gunsmith; Benjamin Brooke Esqr of said County, and William Lane Merchant of the City of Philadelphia are held and firmly bound unto Alexander James Dallas Esquire, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the use of the said Commonwealth in the sum of twelve thousand pounds to be paid to the said Alexander James Dallas or to his successor in the Office: To the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally for and in the whole, our heirs executors and administrators, firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals. Dated the seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Whereas, the said Owen Evans hath this day entered into a Contract with the Governor for supplying twelve hundred stands of Arms for the use of the Commonwealth, to be manufactured within this Commonwealth, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General Assembly, passed the twenty eighth of March 1797 entitled, "An Act to provide Arms for the use of the Commonwealth." Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above

bounden Owen Evans shall and does in all things well and truly execute and perform the said Contract according to the terms stipuations and conditions thereof; then the above written Obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered	}	Owen Evans	[Seal]
in the presence of		William Lane	[Seal]
James Trimble		Benj. Brooke	[Seal]

Jno. Hastings

A Pardon was this day granted by the Governor to James Duberry, who was convicted upon two Indictments of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to one years servitude at hard labour, and fined in the sum of sixty nine dollars, with costs &c.

Friday December 8th 1797.

This day a committee of the Legislature consisting of Messrs Israel Wheelen, Richard Smith and John Brandon of the Senate and Messrs Alexander Scott, Samuel McClay William Lewis Strickler and James G Heron from the House of Representatives, waited on the Governor and requested to know at what time it will be most convenient for him to make his communications to the Legislature. The Governor replied, that he would meet both houses in the Senate Chamber, to morrow at twelve o'Clock to lay before them a state of the Affairs of the Commonwealth.

License to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, were granted to Samuel Abraham and Patrick Bready upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, the former in Philadelphia County and the latter in the County of Lancaster—and Bonds given according to law.

The Governor granted a Pardon to James Leonard who was convicted of keeping a Tippling house, in the County of Huntingdon, and sentenced to pay a fine of £10. with costs &c.

Saturday December 9th 1797.

The Attorney General of the State, having signified to the Governor, that he has no legal objection to Noli Prosequi, being issued in favor of Peter Banbridge now confined in Bucks County Jail on a charge for cheating Henry Wyn-

koop and others of said County—The Governor this day authorized the Attorney General to issue such Noli Prosequi.

The Governor agreeably to appointment met both houses of the Legislature in the Senate Chamber this day at 12 O'Clock and delivered to them his address, for which at large see Book of Legislative Communications Vol. 2. page 134.

Monday, December 11th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year, was granted to Thomas Forrest, upon recommendation of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County; and Bond given according to law.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of Joseph Hiester Esquire of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Berks in consequence of his election as a Representative of this State in the Congress of the United States, for the district of the Counties of Luzerne and Berks.

Tuesday, December 12th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot within this Commonwealth for one year, was granted to Hannanel Pereya upon recommendation, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County.

The resignation of Jacob Painter and James Pollock Esqr of their Offices of Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Westmoreland, the former for the district of the Township of and the latter for the district of ; also the resignation of John Wright, Esquire, as a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the township of Ros-traver in the said County—were this day accepted by the Governor in consequence of their being elected members of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth.

John Harper Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Chester, presented a Return of Elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of said County; whereupon Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, but dated this day, vizt:—

Second Regiment.

Jacob Vinance—Captain	} of the fifth Company.
Thomas Debrimble—Lieut.	
David Stone—Ensign	

Fourth Regiment.

Joseph Reed—Ensign of the sixth Company

Fifth Regiment.

John Holms—Captain	} of the sixth Company
Thomas Ross—Lieutenant	
Elisha Kirk Ensign—of the first Company	

First Regiment.

Peter Steel—Captain	} of the first Company
Samuel Brittle Lieutenant	

Third Regiment

Abraham Harper Lieutenant of the third Company

Sixth Regiment

Joseph Addleman Lieutenant	} of the second Company.
Samuel High Ensign	
John Noble Captain	} of the first Company.
William Noble Ensign	
James Rankin Captain	} of the fourth Company.
Elisha Hammel Lieutenant	
John Springer Ensign	

Wednesday December 13th 1797.

Licences to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, were granted to Henry Schline and Pierre Pereya, upon recommendations of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bonds given according to law.

The Governor, this day granted a Pardon to John Dougherty, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, for an Assault and Battery upon Hugh McDownell, of which he was convicted at Mayor's Court, held on the eighth instant, and fined one hundred dollars, and to be imprisoned three months, and give security for his good behaviour &c.

A Contract was this day concluded between the Governor in behalf of the Commonwealth, and William Henry of the township of Nazareth in the County of Northampton, Esquire, by which the said W^m Henry undertakes to supply, for the use of the Commonwealth two thousand stands of Arms, part of ten thousand stands of Arms, which by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty eighth day of March last,

are to be manufactured within the United States. The contract was in the words following to wit:

Articles of Agreement made and entered into on the thirteenth day of december in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven Between Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in behalf of the said Commonwealth of the one part, and William Henry of Nazareth of the County of Northampton in the said Commonwealth of the other part: Whereas, the General Assembly of this Commonwealth did in and by an Act entitled "an Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth, passed the twenty eighth day of March last, authorize and empower the Governor to procure by purchase as speedily as may be ten thousand stands of Arms to be made or manufactured within the United States of a size and quality best adaped for field service to be of the fashion or pattern of the French Charleville Musquet, and of the dimensions following to wit:—the length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches and to receive a ball of the size of eighteen to the pound; each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use for the proof on those made for the service of the United States, and to be stamped or marked near the breech with the letters C. P. the locks to be upon the best construction, double bridled on a flat plate and marked with the letters aforesaid; the mounting iron with hands and swivels and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered Steel; the bayonets to be fifteen inches in the blade made of steel well tempered and polished; the stock to be made of well seasoned Walnut; the length of the butt of the Musquet to be fifteen and a half inches from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate: the side pins, the breech pins and trigger to be case hardened; the weight of the musquet and bayonet thus compleated to to exceed eleven pounds:—And Whereas, the said William Henry hath made proposals for manufacturing two thousand stands of the said arms before mentioned, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature, which proposals the said Thomas Mifflin deems it for the interest of the Commonwealth to accept. Now these articles witness, that for the consideration herein after mentioned, he the said William Henry hath and by these presents doth agree, undertake and contract to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, in manner and form following to wit:—that he the said William Henry, shall and will well and truly manufacture and furnish two thousand stands of the said Arms, agreeably to the pattern de-

posited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and in all respects conformably to the description before recited, to be inspected by a person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose; that he shall and will deliver the said Arms in the City of Philadelphia, at his own risk cost and charge; five hundred stands whereof shall be delivered on or before the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine and the remainder on or before the first day of January one thousand eight hundred; that the arms shall be of good quality and workmanship, at least equal to the standard Pattern aforesd and that he shall and will cause the Arms to be stamped on the barrels and locks as the said Act prescribes; and also that the stocks be branded with the word Pennsylvania, in small roman Capitals. And the said William Henry for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, that he will well and truly do execute and perform all and singular the agreements undertakings and contracts aforesaid. And the said Thomas Mifflin on behalf of the said Commonwealth in consideration of the undertakings and contracts hereinbefore specified covenants promises and agrees to and with the said W^m Henry, that on delivery of the said Arms agreeably to Contract, he the said William Henry shall have and receive at the rate of thirteen dollars and one third of a dollar, for each stand that shall be found to be complete, agreeably to the standard pattern and the description herein before recited; that the said arms shall be proved at the expense of the State at the place of making them by a person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose; that the expence of portorage and boxing the said Arms shall be paid by the State; that the said William Henry shall have and receive in advance, upon the execution of these presents the sum of eight thousand dollars; and upon the delivery of the five hundred stands of arms aforesaid, a further sum of eight thousand dollars; and further upon the completion of this contract the Contractor shall have a perference for any subsequent contract on equal terms with other proposals made at that time. In Witness whereof the said parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first herein written

Sealed & delivered }
in the presence of }

Joshua Tyson
James Trimble

Thomas Mifflin
Will. Henry

[Seal]
[Seal]

Pennsylvania sst:

Know all men by these presents, that we William Henry, Robert Brown and Jacob Eyerly Esquires, all of our County of Northampton are held and firmly bound unto Alexander James Dallas Esqr. Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the use of the said Commonwealth in the sum of twenty thousand pounds, to be paid to the said Alexander James Dallas or to his successor in the said Office: To the which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally for and in the whole, our heirs executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals dated the thirteenth day of december in the year our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Whereas, the said William Henry hath this day entered into a Contract with the Governor, for supplying two thousand stands of Arms, for the use of the Commonwealth, to be manufactured within this Commonwealth agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General Assembly, passed the twenty eighth day of March 1797 entitled An Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth.

Now the condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bounded William Henry, shall and does in all things well and truly execute and perform the said Contract, according to the terms stipulations and conditions thereof; then the above obligation to be void; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered)	Willm Henry	[Seal]
in the presence of)	Robert Brown	[Seal]
James Trimble	Jacob Eyerly	[Seal]
Joshua Tyson		

Certain Letters from the Secretary of State, for the United States, to the Minister from the United States to the Court of London, requesting his interposition to procure a permit for exporting ten thousand stands of Arms for the use of this Commonwealth, agreeably to the stipulation in the Contract with Messrs Thomas and John Ketland,—were transmitted to the care of the said Gentlemen.

Thursday December 14th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Henry Corren, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County; and Bond given according to law.

The cases of Owen O Hara and Benjamin Bailey both convicted of Murder in the first degree; the former in the County of Philadelphia, and the latter in the County of Berks, being under consideration by the Governor and transcripts from the respective records of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the said Counties being before him with sundry recommendations in their favor. It was ordered by the Governor, that execution of the sentences of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery of the said Counties be made and done, upon them the said Owen O Hara and Benjamin Bailey respectively—vizt:—upon the former on Saturday the twenty third day of the present month; and upon the latter on Saturday the sixth day of January 1798. at the usual places of execution in the said Counties and between the hours of ten O'Clock in the forenoon and two of the Clock, in the afternoon of the said days.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named persons vizt:

To William Roland (alias Rolings) convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for six months, and fined twelve dollars, with costs of suit &c.

To Rebecca Goforth, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined £11.10.0 with costs of suit &c.

To Mary Carlisle convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for three years, and fined twenty dollars, with costs of suit &c.

To Susanna Ennis convicted of receiving Stolen goods knowing the same to have been stolen, and sentenced by the Mayors Court to an Imprisonment at hard labour for nine months, and fined in the sum of forty five dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

To Elizabeth Wilson (a Negress) convicted of Larceny and sentenced, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years and fined three pounds with costs of suit &c.

To John Pratt convicted of Perjury and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Fayette, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of six months, with costs of prosecution &c.

To Joshua Williams convicted on three Indictments in the County of Fayette, of the following Offences vizt:—of a negligent escape, upon two Indictments; and of a wilful escape

upon the last indictment; and sentenced for the same offences to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and five months and to pay the costs of prosecution &c.

To Major Murray convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year; and fined one pound ten shillings with costs &c.

To John Bumbaugh, convicted of an Assault and Battery and sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of Dauphin County to pay a fine of twenty dollars, with costs of Prosecution &c.

To John Jackson, and Stephen Oliver convicted of erecting a nuisance or fence across a public highway and sentenced each to pay a fine of eight dollars, with costs of suit &c by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Lycoming.

Friday December 15th 1797.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one Horse, was granted to Barnett McFall, upon recommendation, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County; and Bond given according to law.

In compliance with a respectable recommendation the Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Washington L Hannum to be a Notary Public to reside in the County of Chester, in the room of John Shippen resigned.

Monday December 8th [18th] 1797.

A Patent was this day issued to Michael Morgan OBrien for Barrack lots marked C and N^o 16 at the Corner of second and green Streets sold to him on the 27th of May 1786. The amount of the principal and interest upon which was Two hundred and sixteen pounds fifteen shillings.

A committee of the Senate consisting of Mess^{rs} Richard Smith, Israel Wheelen and John Kean, waited on the Governor and presented an answer from the Senate to his address to both Houses of the Legislature on the ninth instant.

Tuesday, December 19th 1797.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Trustees of the Institution, for the support of the First day or Sunday

Schools in the City of Philadelphia; the district of Southwark and township of Northern Liberties, being presented to the Governor, with a certificate of approbation, from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and Attorney General the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor and transmitted to Matthew Irwin, Esquire, Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for inrollment, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly in that case made and provided, passed the 5th of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

This day a Committee from the House of Representatives consisting of Messrs Ball Power and Muhlenberg waited on the Governor and presented an answer of the House of Representatives, to his Address to both Houses of the Legislature on the ninth instant.

Wednesday December 20th 1797.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Benjamin Barefoot, convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, in the County of Berks, was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Patent was granted to Matthew Clarkson, Esquire, for Barrack lot No 53 in the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia, sold to John Keen on the third of July one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, who by his deed dated the twenty fifth day of November last conveyed his right and title to the said Matthew Clarkson. The Principal and interest of the purchase money amounting to sixty seven pounds six shillings and six pence.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, within the Commonwealth, with one horse for one year, was granted to James Roseborough, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Franklin; and Bond given according to law.

Thursday December 21st 1797.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the United German Benefit Society, being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate of Approbation by the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General of the Commonwealth—the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for inrollment agreeably to the pro-

visions of an Act of the General Assembly in this case made and provided, passed the fifth day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Friday, December 22nd 1797.

A Pardon was granted to William Byrne, by the Governor, this day, the said Byrne, having been convicted at a Mayor's Court, held on the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, of Larceny upon two Indictments, and sentenced to two years hard labour and to pay two fines equal to the value of the goods stolen, and being well recommended, particularly by the Sheriff of the County of Philadelphia, for undertaking to execute Owen O'Hara, now under sentence of death for murder.

A Patent was granted to Joseph Fricker, for Barrack lot N^o 15 part of the Barrack ground in the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia, situate on the west side of second Street, twenty feet front, by one hundred and twelve feet in depth, purchased on the 15th day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, by John Kean who sold the same to Matthew Clarkson Esquire, of the City of Philadelphia, by deed dated the first of December instant, who sold the same lot on the twenty first of the same month to the said Joseph Fricker.

A Patent was also granted to John Kessler for another Barrack lot marked C sold to him on the twenty fourth of November last, situate at the South East Corner of Third and Tammany Street—Consideration five hundred and eighty dollars.

A Letter was written to W^m. Alexander Esquire Agent of Information, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, expressing the Governor's wish that he the Agent, would attend at Philadelphia as early in January as possible to furnish to the Legislature, any information that may be required, and in his power to give touching the improvement of Roads and clearing Rivers.

Saturday, December 23th 1797.

The Governor taking into consideration the case of Owen OHara now under sentence of death for murder of the first degree—and considering also the general and very respectable recommendation in his favor, by the Inspectors of the Jail

of the City and County of Philadelphia; the Jury by whose verdict he was found guilty and a great number of Citizens; this day; granted a Reprieve to the said Owen O'Hara, until the twenty seventh day of January next, being Saturday.

Tuesday, December 26th 1797.

A letter was this day written, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to the Committee of the ways and means furnishing them with a statement of the Contracts which have been concluded for supplying the State with arms in pursuance of the Act of Assembly of the twenty eighth of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven.

Thursday December 28th 1797.

Jonathan Bayard Smith was this day appointed and commissioned to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Philadelphia, to take rank according to the date of his Commission.

Tuesday, January 2nd 1797 [1798.]

The resignation of Daniel May of his Office of Justice of the Peace, for the district of the Townships of Dover and Paradise, in the County of York, was this day accepted by the Governor.

Wednesday January 3rd 1797 [1798.]

The Governor this day appointed and Commissioned John Baker, Esquire, late Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, to be one of the Aldermen of the said City.

Thursday January 4th 1798.

Upon recommendation Jacob Bucher and Rudolph Kelker junr were appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace, for the County of Dauphin; the former for the district of the Town of Harrisburgh, and the latter for the district of the township of Lebanon in the said County.

An fine of nine pounds which was imposed upon Michael Snider for not performing his tour of Militia duty when called

thereto, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, from Northampton County, to serve on the western expedition—was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Return of an Election of thirty four militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Cumberland was this day received from John Alexander Esqr the Brigade Inspector of that County, whereupon the Governor granted commissions, agreeably thereto, and the same were issued accordingly, as follows vizt:—

First Regiment

4th Company Nathaniel Patterson—Lieutenant—Oct 1st 1797
Daniel McGlaughlin—Ensign— “ “ “

Second Regiment

1	Company	Thomas McMillin—Captain—	September 20th 1797
2	Do	William Powers—Ensign	February 10th “
3	Do	William Adams—Captain	4th “
“	“	William Brown—Ensign	
4	Do	{ David Baird—Captain Hugh Gilmore—Lieutenant	Feby 10th
6	Do	{ Isaiah Carle—Ensign Stephen Cessna—Lieutenant	Do Do
7	Do	{ Samuel Barnhisle—Captain William Sanderson—Ensign	Do Do

Third Regiment

1	Company	Jacob Keagy—Captain	Novr 18th 1797
3	Do	William Galbraith—Captain	
“	Do	John Clarke—Lieutenant	Sepr 25th 1796
“	Do	Elijah Galbraith—Ensign	
8th	Do	Jacob Loopher—Captain	April 20th 1797
“	Do	Benjamin Leas—Lieut	June 27th —

Fourth Regiment

6th Company John Bigler—Lieut September 10th 1796
Alexander Seawright—Ensign Do Do

Fifth Regiment

1	Company	Robert Peebles—Ensign	April 1st 1797
5	Do	Robert Espy—Captain	
“	Do	James Brown—Lieutenant	Nov. 4th
“	Do	James Sharp—Ensign	
7th	Do	William Roan—Captain	Oct. 14th
8th	Do	William Ferguson—Captain	
“	Do	Thomas McIntire—Lieut	Oct. 21st 1796
“	Do	William Davidson—Ensign	

Light Infantry attached to the second Bat. of ye 5 Reg.

John Woodburn—Captain	}	1st March 97
Robert Blaine—Lieut		
William Roan—Ensign		

Sixth Regiment

6th Company Jacob Hawker—Ensign Oct. 1st 1797

Troop of Light Horse

Hugh Smith—second Lieut	}	Oct. 18th 1797
James Noble—Cornet		

Return of an Election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Dauphin, was received, and Commissions made out agreeably thereto dated this day, vizt:

Jacob Wolfy Captain, Jacob McKinney Lieutenant and George McCormick Ensign, of the Light Infantry Company attached to the second Battalion in the second Regiment.

Matthew Henry, Captain of the Light Infantry Company attached to the first Battalion in the first Regiment.

Robert McCall first Lieutenant of the Rifle Company attached to the second Battalion of the first Regiment.

William Cochran Ensign of the 1st Company 2^d Batt. in the first Regiment.

John Ainsworth junr. Lieutenant of the fourth Company 2^d Battalion in the fourth Regiment.

Andrew Beck Ensign of Do—Do

John Reidel Captain of the fifth Company 2^d Battalion, in the 3^d Regiment

George Beshoar Captain of the fifth company 2^d Batta in the fourth Regiment.

Henry Stein Major of the first Battalion in the fourth Regiment.

Peter Gloninger Captain of the Rifle Company attached to the 1st Battalion of the 3^d Regiment.

Gustavus Stoy first Lieutenant of Do—Do

David Fisher second Lieutenant of Do—Do

Saturday January 6th 1798.

A message from the Governor, was this day presented to both Houses of the Legislature communicating a Memorial from the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and recommending that institution to the patronage of the Legislature as deserving public support, upon the principles of policy and benevolence.

Monday January 8th 1798.

Upon application of James Roberts, Charles Culman and Frederick Wiler, Watchman employed at the State House and Public Treasury, the Governor ordered that they be furnished with suitable watch coats, at the public expense, such as are usually allowed to the City Watch.

Thursday, January 11th 1798.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Library Company of Chestnut-hill in the County of Philadelphia, being

presented to the Governor with a certificate of Approbation from the Judges of the Supreme Court and Attorney General, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and transmitted to Matthew Irwin Esquire Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for Inrollment, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of General Assembly, passed the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

A letter was written by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to the Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives containing information as to the distribution of the first, second and third volumes of the laws of the Commonwealth, and the laws of the United States reserved for the use of the State, agreeably to the Acts of the General Assembly of the fourth of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, twenty third of March 1797, and Resolution of Assembly of the 23^d of December, for which letter at large see Legislative communications volume 2nd page 153 &c 154.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon John Anderson, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Philadelphia, was this day remitted by the Governor; and also the fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Richard Hayes by the Mayor's Court, the former having been convicted of an Assault and Battery and the latter of Fornication and Bastardy.

An unconditional Pardon was granted by the Governor to a certain Alexander McDonald, upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail—he having received a Pardon from the Governor on the 21st of October 1796, upon condition of his leaving the State forthwith not to return, but not having complied therewith was again committed to Prison. see Pardon pages 64 &c 170.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedler, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was this day granted to Michael Curran.

It appearing by Reports from William Alexander Agent of Information to the Governor of the 11th 12th and 16th days of November 1797 and eleventh of January 1798., that the Contract dated May the 9th 1793 for building Bridges over Conecocheague and Conedogwinet Creeks on the State Road from Shippensburg to Bedford entered into by William Elliott is fully compleated; and that so much of his other Contract dated July 19th 1792. as relates to the improvement of the Road thro' McAlisters Gap to the Burnt Cabbins is also compleated—The Governor, this day, directed, a quietus to be entered on the said contract.

Friday, January 12th 1798.

The Governor, this day, granted a Pardon to Michael Lee, otherwise called Negro Mike, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Montgomery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County to three months Imprisonment at hard labour, and pay costs of prosecution &c.

The Governor this day appointed and Commissioned Robert Ross, Joseph Gibbon, William Paul and John Snyder to be Justices of the Peace: the three first named Gentlemen for the district of the township of Greene in the County of Greene: and the last named Gentlemen for the District of the Township of Upper Smithfield in the County of Northampton upon the recommendation of Governor Howell of the State of New Jersey.

Saturday January 13th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Charles Dirson, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Tuesday, January 16th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Peter Branden, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Wednesday, January 17th 1798.

A Pardon was this day granted, by the Governor to Peter Case, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Bucks, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of fifteen months, and fined forty two Dollars with costs &c.

Thursday January 18th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was

granted to Lob Hayman Marx, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday, January 22nd 1798.

A Patent was this day granted to Richard Wells for the Barrack lot marked with the letter B. (in the general draft) which was purchased by him at a Public sale of Barrack lots, held the 24th of November last for the sum of Seven hundred and ten dollars, the receipt of which sum of money by the late Treasurer, was produced, at the issuing the said Patent. The said sale having been authorized by an Act of General Assembly passed the 5th day of April 1797.

A letter was written to William Alexander Esqr. Agent of Information to the Governor with respect to the improvement of Roads and clearing Rivers urging him to send forward his annual report, for the information of the Legislature.

Tuesday, January 23rd 1798.

The Governor again took into consideration the case of Owen OHara, now under sentence of death, who on the third day of December 1797, was reprieved until the twenty seventh instant—and circumstances appearing to justify the granting to him a further reprieve. It was thereupon ordered by the Governor, that the said Owen OHara, be reprieved until Saturday the twenty eighth day of July next, and a reprieve was issued accordingly under the less Seal.

Information was this day given to the Governor by Lewis Pierce, of an escheat to the Commonwealth of Real Estate in the City of Philadelphia, to wit:—two houses and lots in Greys Alley, between front and second Streets happening by the death of Richard Merran, intestate, without heirs or known kindred—and thereupon the Governor ordered a copy of the same to be transmitted to the Escheator General for his information, which was accordingly done.

The Governor this day issued his order or warrant to the President Directors and Company of the Bank of Pennsylvania requiring them to pay to Peter Baynton, Esquire, Treasurer of of this Commonwealth, or to his order for the use of the Commonwealth, the sum of Forty thousand dollars, being the amount of the Dividend on the Shares owned by the State

in the Capital Stock of the said Bank as declared on the 3^d instant.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth wrote a letter to a Speaker of the Senate, informing him that the Governors indisposition and confinement to the falls of Schuylkill has prevented an immediate answer, being given to his request to be accommodated with a room for Committees of the Senate— But that as soon as the Governor returns to the City, immediate attention shall be given to the application.

Wednesday January 24th 1798.

An exemplification of a Record in the Mayor's Court of Philadelphia, was presented to the Governor, by which it appeared, that a certain John Connor is charged, by the presentment of a Grand Jury, with felony; whereupon the Governor of this State, wrote a letter to the Governor of the State of Virginia, inclosing the several Documents received, (as well the before mentioned as sundry letters from the Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States) and demanding that the said John Conner be delivered up as a fugitive from justice if found in that state, to take his trial in this State, having jurisdiction of his crime, agreeably to the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States, and an act of Congress of the 12th of February 1793.

Thursday January 25th 1798.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Luzerne this day, made a Return of an election of Militia Officers, to fill vacancies in the Militia of the said County, and thereupon commissions were issued for the following named Officers, vizt:

First Regiment.

Alpheus Harris Lieutenant	} of the third Company.
James Irvine Ensign	
Jonathan Ferry Captain	} of the eighth Company.
Oliver William Dadge Lieut.	
John Horton Ensign	

Second Regiment.

Samuel Carey Ensign of the fifth Company	
Artimandorus Ingersoll Lieut.	} of the fourth Company.
Jacob Drake junior Ensign	

Third Regiment.

Alexander Jamison Major of the first Battalion.

Ebenezer Slocum Captain	} Light Infantry attached the second Battalion.
Jeheveda Johnson Lieutenant	
Benjamin Slocum Ensign	} of the third Company.
Nicholas Sentee Captain	
William Sentee Lieutenant	} of the fifth Company.
Henry Hepler Ensign	
Joseph Kerr Captain	} of the sixth Company.
John Potman Lieutenant	
Philip Doverspack Ensign	
Stephen Kingsberry Lieut	
Tarball Whitney Ensign	

Saturday January 27th 1798.

License to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar for one year, on foot, within this Commonwealth, was this day granted to Robert Davidson, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday January 29th 1798.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Lancaster this day made a Return of an election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of that County; and thereupon Commissions were issued, to the following named, Gentlemen vizt:

IV. Regiment 1 st Battalion	Jacob Gross Captain	} of the second Company.
	John Young Lieutenant	
	Daniel Riblet Ensign	
	John Leonard Captain	} of the third Company.
	George Keiss Lieutenant	
	Jacob Britzius Ensign	
	George Brungart Captain	} of the fourth Comp ^y
	Jonas Metzger Lieutenant	
	John Kargh Ensign	
	Jacob Rudisel Lieut	} of the fifth Company.
George Leonard Ensign		

George Thomas Major of the second Battalion in said Regiment.

Fourth Regiment second Battalion

Joseph Nagle Captain of the first Company.

George Matter Lieutenant	} of the sixth Company.
Peter Hoofnagle Ensign	

Christian Grube Lieutenant of the eighth Company.

Wednesday January 31st 1798.

The Secretary informed Colonel Clement Biddle, in answer to his letter, requesting the Governor's appointment of John Nicholson Gunsmith to prove the Guns to be manufactured under Owen Evans's contract—that the Governor was much indisposed at the falls of Schuylkill, so as not to be able to attend to any business at this time; but that he might rest assured, that he would approve of Mr Nicholson's appointment to do that work, so far as respected Mr. Evans's Contract.

Monday February 5th 1798.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Jesse Fell Esquire, of the Office of Brigade Inspector of the County of Luzerne; and thereupon Putnam Catlin was appointed and Commissioned to that Office, by the Governor, who accepted as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office—Rosewell Wells and Ebenezer Bowman Esquires of the said County from whom a Bond was taken in due form.

The Governor then appointed Jesse Fell, Esquire, to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Luzerne; and Noah Wadhams junr John T. Miller and Oliver Trowbridge to be Justices of the Peace in and for the said County the two first named for the District of the township of Kingston, and the last named for the Township of Willingborough.

Tuesday February 6th 1798.

The Governor, this day, appointed and Commissioned Benjamin Morris and John Dickey, Esquires, to be Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, the former for the County of Berks and the latter for the County of Bedford in this Commonwealth.

Wednesday February 7th 1798.

A License to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one Horse, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Richard Thomas, agreeably to a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Henry Neiman, who was convicted of keeping a Tippling-house, in the County of Montgomery, was, this day, remitted, by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

A letter was written, by the Governor, to Charles Pinkney, Esquire, Governor of the State of South Carolina, containing a requisition for the surrender of a certain John Willard Russel, a fugitive from Justice, under the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States, and an Act of Congress of the twelfth of February A. D. 1793. He having been charged with committing a forgery in this State, and having fled from the justice thereof.

Thursday February 8th 1798.

This day, John Cadwallader, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the County of Huntingdon, presented sundry returns of Elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the said County, to wit:—in the first, second, third, and fourth Regiments—whereupon Commissions were made out agreeably to the said returns (except Lieutenant Colonel Fee against whose election some legal objections have been made) for the following named Officers, vizt:—

First Regiment.

James Hunter Lieut Colonel elected October 7th 1797.

Joseph Cadwallader Major of 1st Battⁿ

Wm Smith Captain of 3 Comp ^y	14
Andrew Barland Lieut of Do	14
John Glen Junr Ensign of Do	14
Joshua Teptex Lieut of 4 th Company	30
Jesse Teptex Ensign of Do	30
Benjamin Laughead Captain of 6 th Company	14
Christopher Moor Ensign of Ditto	14
John Gibson Ensign of 7 Company	11
Robert Law Ensign of 8 Company	7

Second Regiment.

David Caldwell Major of the 2 ^d Battalion elected	5 th Oct. 97	
Jacob Shontz Captain of the 1 st Company	14	Do.
William Ward Ensign of Ditto	14	Do.
Henry Lloyd junr Lieutenant of the 2 ^d Company	14	Do.
Thomas Jones Ensign of the 2 ^d Company	14	Do.
James Gallagher Lieut of the 3 ^d Company	4	Nov.
Jacob Barrack Ensign of the 3 ^d Company	4	Do.
Reason Mabley Captain of the 5 th Company	14	Oct.
James Kelley Lieut of the 5 th Company	14	Do.
Wilkin Lane Junr Ensign of the 5 th Company	14	Do.
Hugh Williamson Captain of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
William McLane Lieutenant of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
George McCoy Ensign of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
James Entriakin Captain of the 8 th Company	14	Do.

Third Regiment.

John Bailey Captain of the 6 th Company	14 th	Do.
Derby Chilcoat Lieut of the 6 Company	14	Do.
William Marshall Ensign of 7 Company	14	Do.

Fourth Regiment.

John Holliday Lieutenant Colonel elected	6 Oct. 1797.	
James Kerr Major of the 2 ^d Battalion	6 Oct. 1797.	
George Guthrie Captain of the 1 st Company	14	Do
Robert Curry Lieut of the 1 st Company	14	Do.
James Lang Ensign of the 1 st Company	14	Do.
William Nesbitt Captain of the 3 ^d Company	14	Do.
Robert Crone Lieutenant of the 3 ^d Company	14	Do.
Samuel Mobley Ensign of the 3 ^d Company	14	Do.
James Currey Captain of the 4 th Company	14	Do.
Joshua Parrish Lieut of the 4 th Company	14	Do.
James McCune Captain of the 5 th Company	14	Do.
Jarvard Irwin Lieut of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
James Irwin Ensign of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
James McIntire Captain of the 7 th Company	14	Do.
David Jones Ensign of the 7 Company	14	Do.
Abraham Halm Captain of the 8 th Company	14	Do.
Adam Sorrick Lieut of the 8 th Company	4	Nov.
Henry Baugher Ensign of the 8 th Company	4	Do.

Fifth Regiment.

William Steel Major of the first Battalion elect	3 ^d Oct. 97.	
Joseph Potter Major of the second Battalion	3	Do.

Alexander Montgomery Lieut of the 1 st Company	14	Do.
Samuel Riddle Ensign of the 1 st Company	14	Do.
Robert Allison Captain of the 2 nd Company	14	Do.
Daniel Rothrock Lieut of the 2 nd Company	14	Do.
Samuel How Ensign of the 2 nd Company	14	Do.
W ^m McAlevy junr Captain of the 3 rd Company	14	Do.
Joseph Jackson Lieutenant of the 3 ^d Company	14	Do.
Peter Sheneberger Captain of the 4 th Company	14	Do.
William Gray Lieut of the 4 th Company	14	Do.
Adam Strine Ensign of the 4 Company	14	Do.
Mark Law Lieutenant of the 5 th Company	14	Do.
Robert McFarlane Ensign of the 5 th Company	14	Do.
Benjamin Armitage Captain of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
Samuel Thompson Ensign of the 6 th Company	14	Do.
Charles Green Captain of the 7 th Company	14	Do.
Aquila Green Lieutenant of the 7 th Company	14	Do.
Aselp Corbin Ensign of the 7 th Company	14	Do.
Jarret Boyd Ensign of the 8 th Company	14	Do.

An application for the purchase of an Island situate in the River Allegheny, about two miles above the town of Pittsburgh, called Corkes Island, containing about five or six acres, with an affidavit respecting it, referring to an application made in February A. D. 1789 for the same Island, in behalf of George Wallace of Pittsburgh, was this day received, and referred by the Governor to the Land Officers under his general Instructions to them respecting Islands.

John Kyle was this day appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the township of Fannet in the County of Franklin.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:—

To Alexander Crawford, who was convicted, in Lancaster County of passing three counterfeit Dollars, knowing them to be such, and sentenced by the Supreme Court, held in the said County, in the Month of August A. D. 1797 to twelve years servitude at hard labour, and fined fifty cents with costs of suit &c.

To John Reinhart, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Luzerne County, in September 1797 to one years servitude at hard labour and fined five Dollars with costs &c.

To Henry Shade, who was convicted of Assault & Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Northampton, in August 1797.

and to pay a fine of twelve Dollars with costs of prosecution &c.

To Daniel Oswald, who was convicted of Assault and Battery; and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Northampton, in November 1797, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds, with costs of Prosecution.

To David Litz, who was convicted of the Escape of Elijah Montague, a prisoner in the Jail of Northampton County, and for that offence sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to pay a fine of two hundred Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

Friday February 9th 1798.

A Pardon was granted to Mary Shehan, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour, for fifteen months, and to pay a fine of eighteen Dollars, with costs &c.

Agreeably to a return made according to law, by Joseph Terrence, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the County of Fayette, of Elections of Militia Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the said County, Commissions were this day issued to the following named Gentlemen, dated on the 7th and 9th of Feby. 1798, as follows vizt. °

First Regiment.

Jesse Lucas Captain	} of the sixth Company.
Robert Moore Lieut	
Jacob Beal Ensign	

Second Regiment.

Moses Nixon Captain	} of the fifth Company.
James Orr Lieut	
Patrick Meloy Ensign	} of the eighth Company.
Samuel Bower Lieut	
Ezekiel McFarland Ensign	

Third Regiment.

John White Captain	} of the fifth Company.
John McClelland Ensign	
Pearson Sayers Captain	} of the sixth Company.
Wm Beeson Lieutenant	
Jacob Springer Ensign	

Fourth Regiment.

James Rogers Major of the second Battalion.

James Gaudy Captain

John Clark Lieut

Joseph Alexander Ensign

Joseph Worthington Captain

Samuel Work, junr Lieut

Alexr. Moreland Ensign

Enos Thomas Captain

John Shivers Lieut

William Chard Ensign

} of the first
Company.} of the sixth
Company.} of the seventh
Company.

First Regiment.

Benjamin Robert Ensign of the fifth Company.

Second Regiment.

John Cheyney Captain

David Wood Lieut

Jesse Eastburn Ensign

} Light Infy Compy 2^d
Battⁿ

Third Regiment.

David Moore Captain

John Freman Lieut

Joseph Hill Ensign

David Young Lieut

Isaac Martin Ensign

of the eighth Company.

of the first Company.

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of the second Company.

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Fourth Regiment.

Jonas Colestock Lieut

Thomas Stacey Ensign

of the second Company.

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Monday February 12th 1798.

The commissioners appointed by Law, for superintending and conducting the Perkiomen Bridge Lottery, presented to the Governor a new scheme of the second class of the said Lottery, and requested of him permission to withdraw the Scheme formerly presented, which the Governor agreed to do; and the new Scheme received his approbation, The Scheme is as follows, vizt:—

1	Prize of	1000 is	1000
2	Do	500 is	1000
2	Do of	250 is	500
6	Do of 100 Drs each to be paid to the possessors of the 6 first drawn numbers on the six first days drawing	is	600

10	Do of 150 Drs each to be paid to the possessors of the ten last drawn numbers is	1500
20	Do of 100 Drs is	2000
40	Do of 50 is	2000
200	Do of 20 is	4000
400	Do of 15 is	6000
3925	Do of 8 is	31400
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Wednesday February 14th 1798.

The Governor, this day, granted the Remission of a fine of ten pounds, in favor of John White, who was convicted of keeping a Tippling-house, in the County of Bedford, in November 1797.

A Letter was written by the Governor of this Commonwealth, to the Governor of the State of Delaware, containing a requisition for the surrender of a certain John Lecket, as a fugitive from Justice under the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States, and an Act of Congress, of the twelfth of February 1793. The said John Lecket, being charged on oath having stolen a Mare the property of Ernst Miller, a Citizen of this Commonwealth.

Thursday February 15th 1798.

A letter was written to William Moore Smith Esqr. inclosing the Governors approbation of the Scheme of the second class of the Perkiomen Bridge Lottery, agreed to on the twelfth Instant.

Friday February 16th 1798.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of John Adlum Esquire, of the Offices of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Lycoming, and of Brigadier General of the Militia of that County; and thereupon appointed and Commissioned Samuel Harris to the Office of Associate Judge of the said Court, and William Hepburn to be Brigadier General of the Militia of the said County.

Monday February 19th 1798.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned Robert E. Hubbert and George Leonard Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the District of Douglass, New Hanover and Frederick, in the County of Montgomery.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Benjamin Rue, for keeping a Tippling-house, in the County of Delaware was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Contract was this day concluded, with the Governor on behalf of the Commonwealth, by William Elliott of the County of Franklin, for improving the navigation of the Rays-town branch of the River Juniata, from the mouth thereof to McGaughey's Mill, about three miles above the town of Bédford; and of Dunnings Creek, from the mouth thereof to the big fork, agreeably to the Supplement of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the opening and improving sundry navigable waters and Roads, within this Commonwealth, passed the day of 179 for the sum of Six hundred pounds, which is to be taken and received as a full consideration for all his expenses and services, in executing the said Contract. For the Contract at large, see Book of contracts for Roads and Rivers second volume page 13.

Letters were written to William Rawle, Esquire, Attorney General of the United States, for the District of Pennsylvania, and to John Steel, Esquire, Comptroller of the Treasury of the United States, relating to the late requisition of the Governor of this State, to the Executive of the State of Virginia, for the removal of a certain John Connor a fugitive from Justice, and by which the Governor signified his approbation, of their mode of communication, for enforcing the requisition.

Friday February 23^d 1798.

Benjamin Buckman and Samuel Mitchell Esqr. were this day appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the district of the Townships of Middletown and Falls, in the County of Bucks.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker & Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Leathem Rankin; and a similar one to James Connor, up recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bonds given according to law.

Saturday February 24th 1798.

The Governor this day appointed and Commissioned John Wilkes Hilliard, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Chartiers in and for the County of Washington.

Tuesday February 27th 1798.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Presbyterian Church in Harts log Valley, in the County of Huntingdon, being presented to the Governor, with a certificate of approbation by the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and transmitted to Matthew Irvine Esquire, Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth, to be inrolled, agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly in that case made and provided, passed the 5th of April 1791.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon John Geiger, upon being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy; in the County of Lancaster was this day remitted by the Governor.

The Governor, this day approved and signed, the following Acts of the General Assembly; and directed the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to return the same to the House in which they respectively originated.

I. An Act to enable the Governor of this Commonwealth to incorporate a Company, for the purpose of improving the navigation of the River Lehigh.

II. A Supplement to the Act, entitled an Act for incorporating the Society formed for the relief of distressed and decayed Pilots, their Widows and Children.

III. An Act extending the powers of the Judges of the Supreme Court and Common Pleas.

IV. An Act for altering the place of holding elections in the fourth District in the County of Dauphin.

V. An Act for altering certain election districts in the County of Berks.

VI. An Act for the appointment and regulation of constables in the township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia.

VII. An Act to provide for the defraying the expense of surveying five tracts of Land, heretofore granted to Cornplanter, a Chief of the Seneca Nation.

VIII. An Act to provide for settling the compensations

of sundry Members of the Legislature, at the late Session and to authorise the Speaker of the respective Houses to draw Warrants in their favor, for the sums found due.

IX. An Act empowering the Commissioners of Westmoreland County, to appoint assessors and assistant assessors, in sundry townships thereof, for the purposes therein mentioned.

X. An Act to empower Walter Clark, Wm Gray and William Wilson, to sell and convey a certain Lot of ground in the town of Lewisburgh, in Northumberland County and for other purposes.

XI. An Act to appoint a Trustee in the County of Mifflin.

XII. An Act to provide for the erection of Houses for the employment and support of the Poor of the Counties of Chester and Lancaster.

XIII. An Act for the relief of David Jones.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to William Dougherty, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond given according to law.

Information was given to the Governor by James Olden of the City of Philadelphia of an Escheat to the Commonwealth, of an Estate and Effects, in the City and County of Philadelphia, happening by the death of Knud Edmunds (otherwise called Edmonson) without heirs or known kindred.

A letter was written to Robert Hare Esquire, Speaker of the Senate, in answer to his letter of the 22nd of January last, in which the Governor expressed a wish to accommodate the Senate with a Room for Committees, but upon full consideration he finds it impracticable to discharge the more important and confidential duties of the Executive Department in the same apartment with the Clerks, in which he must be exposed to constant interruptions from miscellaneous applications of the Citizens.

Wednesday February 28th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar for one year within this Commonwealth, was granted to William Finney, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Thursday March 1st 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Simon Donnelly, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Monday March 5th 1798.

The Governor this day granted a Remission of the fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Davis Right, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions, of the Peace of Delaware County, for Fornication and Bastardy, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Two letters which were received yesterday from the Prothonotary of the County of Luzerne, and Sheriff of that County shewing by the best evidence of which the case now admits, that Joseph Heister, has been duly elected, a Member of the House of Representatives, in Congress, to supply the vacancy occasioned by George Ege's resignation for the District of Berks and Luzerne Counties. were this day transmitted to Jonathan Dayton Esqr Speaker of the House of Representatives, in addition to the Documents some time since transmitted.

Tuesday March 6th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Hugh McGerall, upon recommendation, from the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

In compliance with very general and respectable recommendations, the Governor, this day appointed, and commissioned Ebenezer Furguson, and Clement Humphreys, to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the District of Southwark in the County of Philadelphia.

Wednesday March 7th 1798.

A Pardon, was this day granted to Negro Island, who was convicted of Involuntary Manslaughter, and sentenced by a Court of Oyer and Terminer, holden for the City and County

of Philadelphia, to pay a fine of twenty five pounds, and find security for his good behaviour.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned James Hollenshead and Henry Jarret, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Northampton, the former for the District of Lower Smithfield Township; and the latter for the District of Macungie and Weisenburgh Townships in the said county.

Thursday March 8th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Abraham Gumpert, upon recommendation of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia County; and Bond given according to law.

Friday March 9th 1798.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon James Edgar, for keeping a Tippling house, in the County of Philadelphia, was this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a recommendation from the Court.

Saturday March 10th 1798.

Henry Donnell was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the townships of Loyalsock, Lycoming and Pine Creek, in the County of Lycoming, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

In compliance, with a respectable recommendation from a number of Inhabitants of the County of Lancaster, the Governor, this day granted a Pardon to Anthony Randell alias Reynolds, who was convicted of Horse-stealing, in the said county, and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour for seven years, and fined fifty pounds, with costs of Prosecution &c.

Monday March 13th [12th] 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted by the Governor to Aaron Levy junior, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace

of the County of Philadelphia; & Bond executed according to law.

An account of the disbursements of the contingent expenses of the Executive Department, during the year commencing the 5th day of April 1797 was by order of the Governor, transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the Speakers of the Senate and of the House of Representatives which including Clerks.

Tuesday March 13th 1798.

Simon Sneider Junr was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the township of Penns and Beaver Dam, in the County of Northumberland.

Upon a respectable recommendation in favor of Joseph De la Grange of the City of Philadelphia, the Governor this day appointed and Commissioned him to be an Interpreter of Foreign Languages in and for this Commonwealth.

A fine of ten pounds which was imposed, upon Christian Kauffman, in Berks County, for Fornication and Bastardy, of which he was convicted was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Return of a Nomination of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Philadelphia City Brigade made by the Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the said Brigade, with the approbation of the Brigadier General, was presented to the Governor and Commissions were made out for the following named Officers, vizt:—

Second Regiment.

John McCarr Captain of the fifth Company.

William Williams Ensign of Do. Do.

Francis Powell Captain of the sixth Company

Charles Higgins Ensign of Do. Do.

Wednesday March 14th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Robert Rogers, upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond according to law.

A Return of an Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the

Militia of the County of Franklin was made by Josiah Crawford Brigade Inspector of that County; and another by John Harper, Brigade Inspector of the County of Chester, whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, agreeably thereto, vizt:—

For the County of Franklin.

First Regiment.

William McElhenyLieut of the third Company
James HoecanberryEnsign of Do. Do.

Second Regiment.

William McClehahanCaptain of the sixth Company
John GraffLieut. of Do. Do.
Jacob SnibelyEnsign of Do. Do.
Henry MillerEnsign of the seventh Company.

Third Regiment.

Isaac SpenceLieutenant of the third Company.
Collin SpenceEnsign of Do. Do.
Thomas ShormanLieut. of the seventh Company.
Gilbert GullionEnsign of Do. Do.

Fourth Regiment.

George MillerLieutenant of the third Company
Michael CunesEnsign of Do. Do.
John ThompsonCaptain of the fifth Company.
Davidson FilsonLieutenant of the eighth Do.
Thomas GreerCaptain of the sixth Do.
Andrew ThompsonEnsign of the Do. Do.
Martin MerkleyLieut. of the second Compv.
Henry GranwaldEnsign of Do. Do.
Joseph LambLieut. of the seventh Do.
Jeremiah SnyderCaptain of the Cambersburgh
Joseph BarnetLieut. of the Light Infantry Compv.
James SmithEnsign attached to the sd Regt.

Fifth Regiment.

David ReynoldsCaptain of the eighth Compv.
Edward CoxLieut. Do. Do.
Henry LearEnsign Do. Do.
William BarrLieut. of the fourth Do.
David JusticeEnsign of Do. Do.
Matthew ScottCaptain of the Sixth Do.
Thomas OrrLieut. of Do. Do.

For the County of Chester.

Lewellen Davis Major of the second Battalion of the 1st Regiment.

Samuel Todd Lieutenant of the Light Infantry Company attached to the fourth Regiment.

Jacob Miller Captain of the fourth Company in the 4th Regiment

David Hunter Lieutenant of Do. Do. Do.

Eli Trego Ensign of Do. Do. Do.

Alexander Andrew Lieut. of the eighth Company in the 5th Regiment.

Thursday, March 15th 1798.

Matthew Gress was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the township of Bethlehem, in the County of Northampton.

Friday March 16th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Daniel Wilkinson, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

John Gray was appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of the township of Franklin in the County of Huntingdon, upon the recommendation of Samuel Marshall, Esquire, Member of Assembly, from that County, and several respectable Inhabitants.

The Governor this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and directed the Secretary to return the same to the House, in which they respectively originated, vizt:—

“An Act to authorise the Governor of this Commonwealth to incorporate a Company for erecting a Permanent Bridge over the River Schuylkill at or near the City of Philadelphia.”

“An Act to afford relief to the Pittsburgh Academy in the County of Allegheny.”

“An Act to grant a sum of money to the Trustees of the Academy and free School of Bucks County.”

“A Supplement to the Act entitled “An Act to prevent the exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable and for repealing at a certain time all the laws heretofore made for that purpose.”

"A Supplement to the act establishing an explicit fee bill."

"An Act to authorise Edmund Milne to commence a suit against the Commonwealth, upon certain claims which he has against the same."

"An Act declaring Pine Creek in the County of Lycoming a public Stream or Highway."

"An Act to erect part of Quemahoning township in Somerset County into a separte election District."

"An Act for raising by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding five thousand Dollars five hundred to be applied to the defraying the expenses of erecting a School-house in the township of New Hanover, in the County of Montgomery, and for purchasing a Lot and erecting a Church in the Borough of Harrisburgh."

"An Act for raising by way of Lottery the sum of two thousand four hundred Dollars for the purpose of compleating the Bridge over Big Swatara Creek at Jones's town."

"An to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Bristol Island meadows, in the township of Bristol and County of Bucks to keep the Banks Dams Sluices and Flood Gates in repair, and to raise a fund to defray the expense thereof."

"An Act to authorise certain Lotteries."

Saturday, March 17th 1798.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Peter Andreas Langenhagen, for keeping a Tippling house in the County of Northampton, was this day remitted by the Governor.

A Return of Elections of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Berks, was made by George Eckert Esqr. Brigade Inspector of that County; whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named persons, agreeably thereto. Vizt:

The first Regiment.

Daniel Christ	.....	Captain of the eighth Company.
Henry Shugar	.....	Lieut. of Do Do
Henry Grim	.....	Lieut. of the sixth Company.
Peter Sterner	.....	Captain of the second Company
Godfrey Smeck	.....	Lieut. of the second Company
John Helwig	.....	Ensign of the second Company
Peter Miller	.....	Ensign of the eighth Company

Second Regiment.

Adam RuthLieutenant of the first Company.
 William EmrickCaptain of the fourth Company.
 John ReadLieutenant of the fourth Company
 Godfrey RohrerCaptain of the fifth Company
 Henry LenighEnsign of the fifth Company
 Matthias WagnerEnsign of the sixth Company
 Valentine BoltzLieutenant of the second Company
 Henry GutmanEnsign of the second Company
 John ReadEnsign of the eighth Company.

Third Regiment.

John MyerLieutenant Colonel Commandant
 Daniel KirshnerCaptain of the third Company
 Michael SmithLieutenant of the third Company
 Jeremiah SchappelEnsign of the third Company
 Valentine BrownCaptain of the fourth Company
 Jacob GraeffLieutenant of the fourth Company
 Jesse Evans Captain } of the Light Infantry
 Henry Fisher Lieutenant } company attached to the
 Christian Troxell Ensign } first Batta. of sd. Regt.

Fourth Regiment.

John C. BaumLieutenant Colonel Commandant
 Benjamin TalbotLieutenant of the fifth Company
 Adam KnourLieutenant of the first Do.
 John NeykirtsEnsign of the first Do.
 Henry RetgeLieutenant of the fourth Do.
 Jacob HartzLieutenant of the seventh Do.
 David JonesCaptain of the fifth Do.
 Charles CrampCaptain of the second Do.
 John ParryLieutenant of the second Do.
 John LudwigMajor of the second Battalion
 Henry Lotz Captain } of the Light Infantry
 James Thompson Lieutenant } Company attached to
 Daniel Lewis Ensign } first Battalion.
 Henry Denger Captain } of the Rifle Company
 George Kline Lieut. } attached to the second
 Jacob Kurtz Ensign } Battalion of the 4th Regt.

Fifth Regiment.

George OysterCaptain of the fourth Company
 Peter KeifferEnsign of the fourth Do.
 Leonard Hantranft ...Captain of the first Do.
 Joseph SandsLieutenant of the first Do.

Sixth Regiment.

Marks Jno. Biddle Major of the first Battalion.
 Conrad Feger Major of the second Do.
 George Marx Captain of the third Company.
 Jasper Scull Ensign of the third Do.
 George Weidner Ensign of the sixth Do.
 Adam Kantner Ensign of the seventh Do.
 Yost Hehn Lieutenant of the fourth Do.
 Jacob Hoyer Captain of the fifth Do.
 Valentine Boyer Lieutenant of the fifth Do.
 Henry Haveracker Ensign of the fifth Do.
 Adam Spohn Captain of the eighth Do.

A fine of nine pounds, which was imposed upon Nicholas Stroul of the County of Northampton, for not performing his tour of Militia Duty when required so to do, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, on the Western Expedition, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Monday, March 19th 1798.

James Campbell was appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of Wilkesbarre in the County of Luzerne.

A Return of an Election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the county of Washington, in the second Brigade, was made to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, agreeably to the said Return, Vizt:

Richard Phalon Captain	} of the Rifle Company attached	
Daniel Hains Lieut.		to the first Battalion 2 nd Regiment.
Samuel Jones Ensign	} of the Light Infantry Company attached to the 2 nd Battn.	
Robert Clarke Captain		of 2 nd Regt.
William Ross Lieutenant		of the fifth Company
Levi Ruble Ensign	} in the first	
Robert Cathers Captain		Regiment.
Israel White Lieutenant		
John Pipes Ensign		
John Ebert	Captain of the second Company 1 st Regt.	
Timothy Ross	Captain of the first Company 2 ^d Do.	

Tuesday, March 20th 1798.

A Return of an Election of Militia Officers, in the first Washington Brigade to fill vacancies therein, was this day

made to the Governor by Absalom Baird, Esquire, Brigade Inspector; whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:

First Regiment.

Arthur Gardner Major of the 1st Battalion
 James Dickey Captain of the 1st Lt. Infantry Compy.
 John Stacker Ensign Do. Do.
 Enoch Philips Lieutenant of the fourth Company
 Thomas McCombs .. Captain of the eighth Company
 Francis Gardner ... Lieutenant of Do. Do.
 David Donaldson .. Ensign of Do. Do.

Fourth Regiment.

Arthur Chamberlain Major of the first Battalion
 William Carter Lieutenant of the first Lt. Infantry Compy
 John Huggins Lieutenant of the second Do.
 John Montgomery .. Captain of the third Company
 David Blanset Lieutenant Do. Do.

Wednesday March 21st 1798.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

"An Act to confirm that part of the Road laid out from Philadelphia to the Borough of York by West-Chester Strasburgh and the Blue Rock, which lies between Fawk's Tavern and West Chester."

"An Act declaring the Rivers Ohio and Allegheny and certain branches thereof, public streams or highways."

"An Act to provide for copying the Records of the several Roads heretofore laid out and which hereafter may be laid out in the County of Philadelphia."

"An Act for erecting part of the County of Northampton, into a sepearte County."

Licences to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, for one year, on foot, within this Commonwealth were granted to Patrick McLaughlin and John Lynch, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Thursday March 22nd 1798.

The Governor taking into consideration the Act of General Assembly, passed yesterday, for erecting part of the County

of Northampton into a separate County, this day appointed and commissioned, Samuel Preston, John Ryerson, Samuel C Seely, and John Biddis, to be Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Wayne the new County erected by the said Act.

John Broadhead was then appointed and commissioned to be Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas; Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail Delivery; Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, holden by the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, of the said County; Clerk of the Orphans Court; and also Recorder of Deeds, and Register for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration, in and for the said County of Wayne; and the Governor accepted as his sureties Robert Brown Jacob Eyerly and Thomas Mawhorter Esquires of the County of Northampton, from whom a Bond in due form was taken for John Brodheads faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office, according to law.

A Commission of Dedimus Potestatem was issued to John Brodhead the Prothonotary and Samuel Preston the first Associate Judge of Common Pleas.

James Reed was then appointed and commissioned to be Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the Brigade composed of the County of Wayne; and Samuel C Seely and were accepted as his sureties.

An application from William Jack Esquire, in right of William Owen, for a grant of Owens Island in the River Allegheny containing twenty four acres of land and allowance & Surveyed on the 21st of October 1797, was now received and referred to the Officers of the Land Office, under former instructions from the Governor respecting Islands.

Friday, March 23^d 1798.

The Resignation of Abraham Dicks, as Sheriff of the County of Delaware, was this day presented, whereupon the Secretary of the Commonwealth (in the absence of the Governor, who was much indisposed) requested that until the Governor's pleasure is known, Mr. Odenheimer, the Coroner, could take charge of the Prison and Prisoners, and also any process issuing in the said County.

Saturday, March 24th 1798.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned

Samuel C. Seely to be Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Wayne.

James Campbell obtained a grant of a Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within the Commonwealth, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and a Bond given for good behaviour, according to law.

Monday, March 26th 1798.

A copy of a decree of the Supreme Court of this Commonwealth, in favor of William Turnbull, against the Commonwealth, for the sum three thousand five hundred and fifty three pounds, seven shillings and ten pence lawful money of this State, upon an appeal by the said William Turnbull, from the settlement of his Accounts, was this day presented to the Governor with a request for payment thereof; whereupon the following Warrant was issued, vizt:

Pennsylvania sst:

Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To John Donaldson Comptroller General, and Samuel Bryan Register General of the said Commonwealth Greeting:

Whereas, Thomas McKean, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Edward Shippen, Jasper Yeates and Thomas Smith, Esquires, Associate Judges of the said Court, having duly certified to me by an Instrument in writing, under their hands, respectively, dated the 24th day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, That an appeal having been made on the twenty third day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, and security given to prosecute the same according to law, by William Turnbull from the settlement of his accounts with the Commonwealth, by the late Comptroller General and approved by the late Supreme Executive Council, the same was continued from Term to Term, till the seventeenth of August one thousand seven hundred and ninety six, when by order of said Court, and consent of the parties, the matters in variance were referred to Charles Pettit, Robert Smith, and George Latimer or any two of them, who made report to the Court aforesaid, on the first day of January last in the following Terms. We the Referees in the above rule of Court named having several times met to-

gether in the presence of the Parties viz William Turnbull in his proper Person and John Donaldson Esquire Comptroller General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the said Commonwealth; and having examined the accounts Documents and other matters of evidence to us exhibited by the said Parties and having heard the allegations and arguments by them respectively offered thereon, and duly considered the same, Do thereupon find the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania indebted to the said William Turnbull, in the sum of three thousand five hundred and fifty three pounds seven shillings and ten pence, lawful money of Pennsylvania which respectively report to the Court.

Philadelphia }
1st Jan^y. 1798 }

Charles Pettit
Robert Smith
George Latimer

And that afterwards at a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia, for the State of Pennsylvania the nineteenth day of March instant, the said report having been read and duly considered the same was confirmed by the said Court, and that the costs of the appeal aforesaid amount to the sum of Thirty three Dollars and forty five Cents.

Now therefore, this is to require, you and each of you, that in pursuance of an Act of General Assembly of this Commonwealth, in such case made and provided you do forthwith enter the amount of the said sums debt and costs, amounting together to the sum of three thousand five hundred and sixty five pounds eighteen shillings and six pence half penny, lawful money of Pennsylvania so as aforesaid certified by the said Judges to be due, to the said William Turnbull, in the Books of your respective Offices, and thereupon proceed according to law.

Witness my hand this twenty sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and of the Commonwealth the twenty second.

By the Governor

A. J. Dallas
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The appointment of William Harris of the County of Mifflin, by the Surveyor General of the Commonwealth to be a Deputy Surveyor of that part of Harris's District lying Southward of Tusseys Mountain, including the townships of Greenwood, Fermanaugh, Milford, Lack, Wayne, Derry, Armagh, and Union, in the said County,—this day received the approbation

of the Governor and James Harris and Andrew Gregg, Esquires, were accepted as his sureties, from whom a Bond for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office, was taken in due form.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Bernard Dougherty, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions, and Bond given according to law.

A Message from the Governor was this day presented to both Houses of the Legislature communicating an application from the Agent of John and Richard Penn, and the consequent opinion of the Attorney General of the State respecting the surrender of certain title deeds and other muniments of the private estate of the late Proprietaries, now deposited in the public offices of the Commonwealth; and recommending that a Legislative sanction be given to the object thereof.

Tuesday March 27th 1798.

Upon a return made according to law of an Election of Coroners in the County of Chester the Governor appointed James Bones to be Coroner of that County, he having had a majority of the votes for that Office; and John Hannum and John Kinnard were accepted as sureties for the said Coroner's faithful performance of the duties of his Office according law.

A Scheme of a Lottery to raise 5004 Dollars for the use and benefit of the Lower Dublin Academy in the County of Philadelphia, under an Act of General Assembly of the 16th of March instant, was this day presented to the Governor, and received his approbation—The scheme was as follows—vizt:

Scheme of a Lottery to raise 5004 Dollars for the benefit of the Lower Dublin Academy.

1 Prize of 6000 Dollars	is	6000
1 Prize of 3000	{to be the first drawn Ticket} {on the last days drawing}	3000
1 Prize of 2000		2000
2 Prizes of 1000	{one of which to be paid} {to the last drawn Ticket}	2000
2 Prizes of 500.....		1000
4 Prizes of 200.....		800
5 Prizes of 100.....		500

7 Prizes of 50.....	350
18 Prizes of 20.....	360
2331 Prizes of 6.....	13986
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4628 Banks	Amount of Prizes 29,996
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7000 Tickets at 5 Dollars each is	35,000
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Ballance in favor of the Inst ⁿ	5004 Doll ^s

The above Scheme is submitted to the Inspection of the Governor by the Trustees of the Academy.

Wednesday March 28th 1798.

Samuel Utter and William Hammond Esqrs were appointed and Commissioned Justices of the Peace; the former for the District of Greenwood, in the County of Cumberland; and the latter for the District of the Township of Mead in the County of Allegheny.

Licences to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, for one year within this Commonwealth, were granted to James Ward, James McCallaghan and William Hull, the two former, on foot, and the latter with one Horse, upon recommendations, and Bond given according to law.

The Governor this day, appointed and commissioned Thomas Burrell, Leonard Nagle and Hazael Thomas Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:—Thomas Burrell for the District of Upper Pextang, in the County of Dauphin; Leonard Nagle, for the District of Salesbury, in the County of Northampton; and Hazael Thomas for the District of the Townships of Coventry Vincent and Pikeland in the County of Chester.

The resignation of John Wilkins Junior Esquire, of the Office of Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Allegheny, was, this day, accepted by the Governor, and upon a recommendation by the Representatives in General Assembly from the said County, the Governor appointed and commissioned John Woods Esquire, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation.

The Attorney General informed the Governor, that Samuel Quinn having been indicted for forgery, has long lain in prison, without trial, the witnesses not attending, and recommending that a Noli Prosequi, be entered; whereupon the Governor requested that such Noli Prosequi might be entered.

Thursday March 29th 1798.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned Joshua Simpson and John Power to be Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Westmoreland the former for the Township and District of Hempfield, and the latter for the District of Rostraven in the said County. James Sloan was at the same time, appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the township of Pitt, in the County of Allegheny.

The several fines which were imposed upon John Kocher and George Messinger, in the County of Northampton for not performing their tour of Militia duty, when required so to do, under the Act of General Assembly, for regulating the Militia of the Commonwealth, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, on the western Expedition, were this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year within this Commonwealth, was granted to Daniel Cameron alias Cimeron, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County and Bond given according to law.

Joseph Kerr, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the County of Philad^a; presented to the Governor a return of Elections of Officers, to fill vacancies in the Militia of the said County, certifying the same to have been held according to law;—Whereupon Commissions were issued signed by the Governor, for the Officers named in the said return as follows vizt:—

First Regiment.

Henry Shrupp Lieutenant Colonel—Elected Nov. 23. 1797

Henry Drullman . . . Captain of the Sixth Company.

Joseph Hallowell . . Lieut. of Do. Do.

James Kolph Major 1st Battⁿ 3^d Regt elected 22.

Geraldus Stockdale Capt. 1 Comp^y Do Do Do.

James Crawford . . Lieut. Do Do Do Do.

George Bastlan . . . Lieut. 2^d Do Do Do Do.

David Shitzline . . . Ensign Do Do Do Do.

Joseph Cartwright Ensign 3^d Do Do Do Do.

Robert Allen Captain 5 Do Do Do Do.

Martin Karsper . . . Ensign Do Do Do Do.

James Hozey Captain Infantry 1st Battⁿ 3^d Regt.

Stephen Fotteral . . Ensign Do Do Do.

Samuel Smith Major of the 2^d Battⁿ Do.

James Lafferty	....Captain	of the 8th Comp.	3d Regiment.
Michael Speel	.....Lieut	of	Do Do
George Baker	.....Ensign	of	Do Do

The several forfeitures under recognizances entered into by Frederick Gelwicks and Catharine his Wife and John Wampler of the County of York, in consequence of their neglecting to appear at a Supreme Court, held in the County of York, with a certain Michael Hevice to answer the charge against them, for a conspiracy in procuring to be celebrated an improper Marriage &c were this day remitted by the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation, amounting in the whole to the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars.

The forfeitures by Jacob Opp and John Hershy who also became bound as aforesaid, under like circumstances were all at the same time remitted, by the Governor.

The Governor, this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary returned the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

"An Act to enable the Governor of this Commonwealth to incorporate a company for making an artificial Road, from the City of Philadelphia, through Germantown by the route of Chestnut-hill to the twelve mile stone on the Reading Road and thence to Reading in the County of Berks."

"An Act for running and ascertaining certain lines of the Counties of Bedford, Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland."

"An Act to annex part of Bedford County to the County of Franklin."

"An Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act for raising by way of Lottery the sum of Sixty thousand Dollars for the accomplishing the building of a stone Bridge over the River Schuylkill at the Borough of Reading and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Friday, March 30th 1798.

A Message from the Governor was, this day, presented to both Houses of the Legislature, communicating a representation from the Judges of the Supreme Court on the necessity of appointing a fifth Judge of the said Court and certain documents respecting the Indian Konkapot—also expressing his solicitude that an efficient system for regulating the Health Office may be established before the adjournment of the Legislature.

Monday April 2^d 1798.

The appointment of Alexander McDowell as Deputy Surveyor of District No. 6 (lately held by Samuel Nicholson) by Daniel Brodhead Esquire Surveyor General, this day received the approbation of the Governor; whereupon a Bond for his faithful discharge of the duties of that Office was taken from George Wallace and James G Heron his sureties who were accepted as such by the Governor.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace vizt:— John Kear and Samuel Rippey for the County of Allegheny, the former for the district of Mead, and the latter for the District of Pitt.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, in compliance with the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia vizt:—

John Creely, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour, for one year, and fined sixteen Dollars with Costs &c.

John Briggs convicted of Horse stealing, and sentenced to two years hard labour and fined forty dollars with costs of prosecution &c.

Thomas McGowan convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and fined fifteen dollars with costs of suit &c.

Mary Davis, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and fined twenty six pounds five shillings with costs &c.

Peter James, convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of two years and fined five shillings with costs &c.

Thomas Greene convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and nine months and to pay a fine of five shillings with costs &c.

Henry Kreider convicted of Horse stealing and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for five years and fined ninety pounds with costs of suit &c.

Anthony Groves convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of one year and to a fine of eighteen Dollars with Costs &c.

James Frazier convicted of Forgery with intent to defraud the Bank of the United States, and sentenced to an imprison-

ment at hard labour for the space of eighteen months and fined five pounds with costs &c.

Upon a return made according to law by the Brigade Inspector of the jail of the City of Philadelphia, Andrew McGill was commissioned as Captain of a Light Infantry Company attached to the first Regiment of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia.

The Report of the Officers of the Land Office of the 21st of last Month upon the application of George Wallace for a grant of Corks Island in the River Allegheny, by which the value of the same is ascertained, this day, received the approbation of the Governor; and thereupon the said Officers were instructed to take the necessary steps for issuing a Patent to Mr. Wallace for the same.

Tuesday April 3^d 1798.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace vizt:—

Henry Tash for the district of the Township of Fairfield in the County of Westmoreland.

John Clandinning for the district of East Pennsborough Township in the County of Cumberland.

Henry Grayham for the district of East and West Hanover, in the County of Dauphin.

Edward McHenry for the district of Fishing Creek in the County of Northumberland.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Catharine Schneider for Fornication and Bastardy; of which she was convicted in the County of Luzerne, was, this day remitted by the Governor.

A Letter was written to His Excellency John Henry Esquire, Governor of the State of Maryland containing a requisition from the Executive of this State, for a surrender of a certain James Dougherty (if found within that State) agreeably to the Constitution of the United States and an Act of Congress of the twelfth day of February 1793, the said James Dougherty, having been charged on the oaths of Stephen and Thomas McKinley of the County of York with Horse Stealing.

Wednesday April 4th 1798.

The Governor this day appointed and Commissioned William McEwen and Thomas McCalmon Esquires to be Justices

of the Peace, in and for the District of the Township of Bald Eagle, in the County of Mifflin, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The Governor this day approved and signed the following acts of the General; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House, in which they respectively originated vizt.

“An Act limiting the term, during which Judgments shall be a lien on real Estates, and suits may be brought against the sureties of public Officers.”

“A supplement to the Act to enable the Governor to appoint Notaries Public, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

“A supplement to the act entitled An Act for establishing and building a Bridge across Conestogoe Creek in the County of Lancaster.”

“An Act for continuing the present Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Presidents of the Court of Common Pleas.”

“An Act to provide that the person of a debtor shall not be liable to imprisonment for debt after delivering up his Estate for the benefit of his Creditors, unless he hath been guilty of fraud or embezzlement.”

“An Act altering the times of holding the Courts of Common Pleas, and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in the County of Washington.”

“An Act to re-enact certain laws relative to County rates and levies.”

“An Act to enable the President and Managers of the Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware at the Borough of Easton, in the County of Northampton, to raise by Lottery the sum of twelve thousand five hundred Dollars, for the purpose of compleating the work in their act of incorporation mentioned.”

“An Act to alter and amend the health laws of this Commonwealth and to incorporate a Board of Managers of a Marine and City Hospitals of the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

“A further supplement to the Act entitled an Act for making an Artificial Road, from the City of Philada to the Borough of Lancaster.”

“An Act to authorise the Governor of this Commonwealth, to incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware at or near Trenton.”

“An Act for altering and erecting certain election Districts.”

"An Act for the relief of John Glen."

"An Act to extend the time for Patenting lands."

"An Act to prevent the disturbance of Religious Societies, within the City of Philadelphia, during the time of divine service."

"An Act to continue in force for a limited time the Act entitled "An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace in this State, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to provide a more effectual method for settling the Accounts of the several Brigade Inspectors within this Commonwealth."

"An Act to make certain appropriations as well as for other purposes therein mentioned."

"A Resolution for distributing certain laws of the United States."

Thursday April 5th 1798.

Robert Newell was commissioned and appointed a Justice of the Peace, for the district of the Township of Fannett in the County of Franklin upon recommendation.

Agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly passed in the last Session the Governor this day appointed and commissioned William Robinson the Elder to be a Notary Public to reside in the district of Southwark in the County of Philadelphia, and accepted as his sureties Rickloff Albertson and Joseph Huddle of the said District, from whom Bonds were taken in due form.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned William Irwin Esquire to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Shamokin and Augusta in the County of Northumberland.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to George Masters

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Chester presented a Return of an Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the said County; whereupon Commissions were issued in the usual form to the following named Persons vizt:

Third Regiment

Samuel AshLieutenant of the second Company
Robert Chamberlain ..Lieut. of the eighth Company

Sixth Regiment

Alexander McPherson Lieutenant of the seventh Comp^y
Thomas McClelland ...Ensign of Do Do.
Samuel HughesEnsign of the second Do.
Joseph McKindleyEnsign of the sixth Do.

Friday April 6th 1798.

William Hoge was appointed and Commissioned to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Washington to take rank according to the date of his commission.

Christian Wolf and John Gilmore were appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace for the County of Franklin; the former for the district of the township of Franklin; and the latter for the district of Letterkenney in the said County.

Andrew Monroe was also appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Chartiers in the County of Washington.

George Wallace Esquire of Pittsburgh in the County of Allegheny having resigned his seat as a member of the Legislature from the said County, the Governor this day appointed and commissioned him to be one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County to take rank according to the date of his Commission now issued.

The Governor, this day, granted a Pardon to James Burke, who was convicted of regrating of Codfish, and was sentenced to two months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined in the sum of thirty one dollars and an half.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Allegheny vizt:—

Jeremiah Barker for the district of the Township and Borough of Pittsburgh.

Andrew Watson for the district of Pett Township, and

Alexander Buchannan, Lewis Dunn, Alexander Power and David McNair for the district of the Township of Mead in the said County of Allegheny.

The fine which was imposed upon Charles Chenery by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northumberland, upon being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, amounting to ten pounds, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Saturday April 7th 1798.

William Elliot was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Pett in the County of Allegheny; and John Stuart a Justice of the Peace, in and for the township of Lack in the County of Mifflin.

Monday, April 9th 1798.

Agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed in the last Session, the Governor, this day appointed and commissioned George Worrall to be a Notary Public to reside in the township of the Northern Liberties, in the County of Philadelphia; and he accepted Joseph Budd Hatter, and Daniel Dawson Whitesmith as sureties for the said Notary Public, from whom Bonds were taken in due form of law.

Tuesday, April 10th 1798.

An Act or Instrument for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of East Penns Valley in the County of Mifflin, having been certified by the Attorney General, and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth to be lawful—was this day presented to the Governor, and thereupon the same was transmitted to Matthew Irwin Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for inrollment, at the expense of the applicants, agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly in such case made and provided.

Wednesday April 11th 1798.

Two Contracts were this day concluded between the Governor on behalf of the Commonwealth of the one part; and Abraham Henry and John Graeff of the County of Lancaster Gunsmiths for supplying two thousand stands of Arms; and Jacob Laether and Kunrat Welhance of the County of York, for supplying twelve hundred stands of arms, for public use to be manufactured in the said Counties in pursuance of the Act of General Assembly, passed the twenty eighth day of March 1797. at the rate of thirteen Dollars and one third of a dollar for each stand.

For the faithful performance of the said Contracts, Bonds were taken in due form, from the said Contractors and their sureties vizt Henry Miller of the County of York and Simon Gratz of Philadelphia for the first Contract; and the said Henry Miller and John Kelley, John Stewart and Thomas Hartley all of the County of York for the second Contract.

George Taylor junr. was appointed and commissioned an Interpreter of the French and Spanish Languages within this Commonwealth.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year within this Commonwealth was

granted to George Specht, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given in due form.

Two Acts or Instruments of incorporation, one of the Lutheran and the other of the Calvinist Congregation at or near Berlin in the County of Somerset, being certified by the Attorney General, and Judges of the Supreme Court to be lawful, were presented to the Governor, and received his approbation, whereupon the same were transmitted to the Master of the Rolls for inrollment, at the expense of the applicants, pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly passed on the sixth day of April 1791, in such made and provided.

Upon application of Bernard Desaa, of the City of Philadelphia, and a recommendation in his favor, the Governor, this day, granted him permission to sell ice cream, in the Garden of the State House, the ensuing Summer.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed Leman Kline, for Fornication and Bastardy, of which he was convicted, in the County of Lancaster, was this day, remitted by the Governor.

A Pardon was granted to Margaret Wilson, who was convicted of keeping a disorderly House, and sentenced to one years imprisonment, and fined fifty five dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

A Pardon was granted to Daniel Morgan Richmond who was convicted of Horse stealing, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held at Lancaster, in and for the County of Lancaster, in November 1796, to fourteen years servitude at hard labour, and fined in the sum of one hundred and forty pounds with costs &c.

Friday, April 13th 1798.

The Governor this day re-appointed Nathaniel Falconer Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia; and Joseph Anthony, Magnus Miller, George Ord, Maxwell Nesbitt and Robert Bethel Assistant Wardens of the said Port, to continue in Office for one whole year from this date, and they were commissioned accordingly.

Saturday, April 14th 1798.

John Andre Hanna, the Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Dauphine, this day presented a Return of an

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia vizt.

Ephraim Hunt convicted of Highway Robbery and sentenced to two years servitude at hard labour and to forfeit all his goods and chattels lands and tenements to the use of the Commonwealth.

Robert Milleken convicted of Forgery and sentenced to an imprisonment for two years at hard labour, and fined five pounds with costs of prosecution &c.

James Fisher convicted of Larceny and sentenced to one years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined four Dollars with costs of suit &c.

Thomas Brown convicted of Larceny and sentenced and sentenced to an Imprisonment at hard labour for fifteen months, and fined twenty dollars with costs of suit &c.

Rebecca Williams convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour, for one year, and fined in the sum of four dollars with costs &c.

Mary Fulton convicted of Larceny and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour, for one year, and fined £ 11.18.0 with costs of prosecution &c.

Saturday, April 21st 1798.

Licenses to follow the employment of Hawkers and Pedlars, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth were granted to John Corran and William Flattery, upon recommendations in their favour, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bonds given according to law.

Tuesday April 24th 1798.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, upon Henry C Baker was this day remitted by the Governor, upon recommendation.

Wednesday, April 25th 1798.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Jacob Conway junr. by the Mayors Court, for Fornication and Bastardy, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Thursday April 26th 1798.

The Commission for James Bones, who was appointed by the Governor, on the 27th of last Month to be Coroner of the County of Chester, was this day transmitted to John Hannum, Esquire, Recorder of the County aforesaid with instructions to take a Recognizance from the said Coroner and ample security according to law for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office according to law.

Friday April 27th 1798.

Richard Peters, John Perot, Godfrey Haga, Matthew McConnell and William Sheaff, the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly, passed the 16th day of March last entitled, "An Act to authorise the Governor of this Commonwealth to incorporate a Company for erecting a permanent Bridge over the river Schuylkill at or near the City of Philadelphia," this day made a return of Subscriptions, to the said permanent Bridge the whole number of shares being 5162 by 194 persons, agreeably to the said Act of Assembly; whereupon the Governor, in pursuance of the second Section of the said Act, by his Act of Incorporation, under the Great Seal and signed by him did create and erect the said Subscribers into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name style and title of the President Directors and Company for erecting a permanent Bridge over the River Schuylkill at or near the City of Philadelphia, and by the said name to have perpetual Succession and all the privileges and franchises incident to an Incorporation capable of taking and holding their capital Stock and the increase and profits thereof, with power of enlarging the same from time to time, by new Subscriptions, in such manner and form, as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfill the said Act of Assembly; also of taking, purchasing and holding to them and their successors in fee simple, or for any less Estate all such lands tenements, hereditaments and Estate real and personal as shall be necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their works, and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure; and of suing and being sued and of doing all and every other matter and thing, which a Corporation or Body politic may lawfully do. The names of the Subscribers and the number of shares were as follows:

	shares		shares
Richard Peters	50	Benjamin Gibbs	100
John Perot	5	Edward George	10
Matthew McConnell	50	Thomas Pratt sen.	50
William Sheaff	50	Thomas Pratt	10
George Bickham	20	Richard Crean	10
William Nichols	30	James C. Fesher	10
Basel Wood	5	Rebecca Fisher	10
Philip Edwards	5	John Simson	50
Archibald McCall	100	Charles Ross	50
Ebenezer Branham	10	John Ross	100
Charles Biddle	20	Samuel Brick jun.	100
David Rawn	20	John James	40
Samuel McCall	20	Eliston Perot	15
W Serjeant	30	Daniel Sutter	20
Thomas Hough	20	John McCulloch	10
Solmon OWater	10	James Simmons	10
John Miller	50	Nancy Snider	10
Samuel Blodget	100	Christianna Branham	10
George Taylor junr.	20	Adam Siter junr.	50
D. Caldwell	25	David Roberts	10
John Dumpsie	100	James Cooper	100
Saml. A Otis	100	Robert Bethel	100
Anthony A. Cuthbert	50	William Bethel	10
Thomas Ryerson	25	Francis Rush	5
Isaac Jones	10	Frederick Kuhl	5
David Evans	15	Jos. Kauffman	5
David Evans junr.	5	John Ternant	50
Joseph Marsh junr.	5	Ebenezer Hazard	100
David Jones	5	Robert Ralston	100
Israel Jones	5	Isaac Hayes	2
Slaton Clay	10	William Hayes	4
Elizabeth Branham	10	Geo. Davis	20
William Rogers	100	Aaron Baker	5
James Jones	10	William Rawle	15
Edward Harris	100	David Witmer	5
Stephen Phipps	5	Richard H Morris	10
Henry Clymer	100	Abraham Witmer	5
John Crosby	200	Jacob Graeff	2
Tho. W Willing	200	Alexander Scott	2
Saml. Pancoast junr.	20	Wm. Fromberger	2
C. W Peale	1	John Waddington	2
William Bingham	200	Edward Shoemaker	5
N ^a . Sellers	15	Jacob Shoemaker	5
D. Sellers	15	J. Wilson	10

	shares		shares
John Rutland	2	Jonathan Jones	10
Josa Fisher	2	William Montgomery	10
Geo. Roberts junr.	2	Jb. Hiltzheimer	2
Wm. Smith	2	Joseph Watson	10
James R Caldwell	5	Martin Dubs	10
John De La Roche	10	John Clan	5
John Dunwoody	10	Fredk. Heisz	3
Caleb Lownes	10	Wm. Cobbett	10
Joseph Lownes	10	Richd. North	2
Jesse Waln	5	Francis Johnston	10
Mark Prager	50	Wm. Guier	10
Isabella Williamson	10	John Dunlap	50
Amos Wickersham	2	Griffith Evans	5
James Crookshank	3	Samuel Blodget for the	} 10
Geo. Dawson	2	Penna. Hospital	
John Stille	4	Joseph Gray	2
Henry Philips	2	John Dunlap junr.	1
Philip Nicklin	50	Philip Wager	10
Samuel Wheeler	2	Leonard Jacobi	10
Mary Shute	10	Philip Stein	5
John Reed junr.	10	Thomas Clifford	5
Benja. Williams	10	John Clifford	5
John McSoullier	20	Abraham Kintzing jr.	10
Robert E. Griffith	50	Thomas Leiper	50
Ch. De Grofey	20	Wm. Read	10
John Bennet	50	Geo. Plumstead	20
Wm. T Donnaldson	5	Matthew Pearce	10
Peter Lex	3	Robert Harwood	1
Francis Clifton	10	Jacob Hoffman	4
Anna Maria Clifton	10	J. Dorsey	10
Mary Dally	10	Joseph Sansom	10
James Vanuxum	30	Philip Sheaff junr.	5
Ro. Rundie	50	Philip Sheaff senr.	5
Jos. Reed	10	Wm. Pennock	10
Henry Toland	50	Geo. Ord	10
John Sellers of Darby	10	David Seckle	10
Laurence Seckel	5	Christa Marshall	20
William Sheaff junr.	1	John Munday	10
Henry Sheaff	1	Joseph Gibbons	10
George Sheaff	10	Jacob Speery	10
Henry Helmuth	20	Samuel Pleasants	20
Hen. W. Muhlenbergh	10	John Singer	5
Peter S. Deponceau	104	D C. Claypoole	10
Owen Jones	10	Paul Sieman	100

	shares		shares
Matthew Jones	10	Jacob Miller	5
James McHenry	20	Saml. Blodget for the	250
Jacob Edwards	5	Pres. Directs & Co. of the	
Septimus Claypoole	2	Insurance Co. of Penna.	
Ebenezer Hazard Secy.	250	John W Easby	5
for the Pres. & Directs		Jacob Hassinger	2
of the Insurance Compy.		J. B. Bond	20
of North America		Geo. Westcott	5
Joseph Huddle	20	Joseph Anthony	50
Geo. Cooper senr.	10	Barbara Sheaff	10
Mark Rodes	10	Elisha Fisher	5
		Shares	5162

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, on foot, within this Commonwealth was granted to Christian F. Leuder upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Saturday April 28th 1798.

William George and William Witman Esquires were this day appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Justices of the Peace, the former for the District of Upper and Lower Merion Townships in the County of Montgomery; and the latter for the district of Amity Exeter and Douglass in the County of Berks, in compliance with sundry recommendations.

Upon a Return made according to law of an Election of Coroners in October last, in and for the County of Allegheny, the Governor this day appointed and commissioned Hance Morrison, Esquire, to be Coroner of the County of Allegheny, he the said Hance having had the highest number of votes at the said Election, for the said Office—Andrew Willock and John Hampshire of said County, two sureties approved by the Judges John Gibson and John McDowell, being now accepted by the Governor as such, instructions were issued to Mr. Samuel Jones, the Recorder of said County to take the recognizance, and security required by law the Commission was forwarded at the same time.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned John Walker to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district

of the township of East Pennsborough in the County of Cumberland, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The fine of fifty Dollars, which was imposed upon Charles Higgins for an Assault and Battery, of which he was convicted at a Mayor's Court held in the City of Philadelphia, in April Sessions 1798, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Monday April 30th 1798.

Agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed the 29th day of March last, entitled, "An Act for running and ascertaining certain lines of the County of Bedford, and Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland, the Governor, this day appointed and commissioned, James Harris of the County of Mifflin, James Wells of the County of Somerset, and James Hunter of the County of Huntingdon Commissioners under the said Act, to run mark and ascertain part of the lines between the Counties of Somerset and Huntingdon, between the Counties of Somerset and Westmoreland, and between the Counties of Bedford and Huntingdon, according to the Boundaries in the said Act mentioned and set forth, and to make the several plots of the lines so run, as by the said Act is directed. The Commission was in the following words, vizt:—

Pennsylvania sst:—

In the Name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Thomas Mifflin

Governor of the said Commonwealth.

To James Harris of the County of Mifflin, James Wells of the County of Somerset, and James Hunter of the County of Huntingdon.

Whereas, in and by an Act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act for running and ascertaining, certain lines of the Counties of Bedford, Huntingdon, Somerset and Westmoreland," I am authorised and empowered to appoint three Commissioners, who shall proceed to run the lines between the Counties of Bedford and Huntingdon, between the Counties of Huntingdon and Somerset and between the Counties of Westmoreland and Somerset according to the courses and distances, in the said Act set forth and described Now know Ye, that reposing full confidence in your skill and impartiality I have appointed and by these presents do appoint you the

said James Harris, James Wells and James Hunter, to be the Commissioners for running the lines aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of the said recited Act of General Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the less Seal of the State, at Philadelphia, the 30th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and of the Commonwealth the twenty second.

By the Governor

James Trimble
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Tuesday May 1st 1798.

The Governor having received information, that John Conner, who was claimed by the Government of this State as a fugitive from Justice, has been tried and acquitted of the offence charged against him in the State of Virginia, this day requested by a letter written to the Governor of that State, that the said John Conner might be delivered, to John Hopkins Esqr. the Agent for that purpose.

Wednesday May 2^d 1798.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Lycoming made a Return of the election of fourteen Officers according to law, whereupon commissions were issued, as follows vizt:—

First Regiment.

George Quigly	.....	Captain of the second company		
George Williams	.....	Lieutenant of	Do	Do
Sampson Hamilton	....	Ensign of	Do	Do
Wm. Kibbin	.....	Lieut. of the fifth	Do	
Wm. Watson	.....	Ensign of	Do	Do
Thomas Crawford	....	Lieut of	Do	Do
Abel Dougherty	.....	Ensign of	Do	Do
Isaac Porter	.....	Captain of the fourth Company.		

Second Regiment

James Baird	.....	Captain of the first company		
Samuel Eason	.....	Lieut of	Do	Do
Charles Stuart jr.	.....	Ensign of	Do	Do
John Robb	.....	Major of the second Battalion in sd		
		Regiment.		

William WatsonLieut of the Light Infantry Company
attached to the said Regiment.

John SloanEnsign of Do Do

Thursday May 3^d 1798.

Joseph Lewis and John Lawson Esq^{rs} were this day appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Justices of the Peace; the former for the district of the township of Hatfield Montgomery and Gwyneth, in the County of Montgomery; and the latter for the district of the Townships of Washington and White deer in the County of Lycoming.

A Letter addressed to the Governor by Jared Ingersoll and Alexander James Dallas Esquires was received.

Friday May 4th 1798.

An alarm having been excited, by the rumor of some conspiracy to set the City on fire the Governor wrote a letter to the Mayor of the City, in order that every precaution might be taken to defeat so horrible an attempt, and suggested that a guard of constables to be placed at the Gun Powder Magazine would be proper; and that also a sufficient number of Peace Officers should patrol the Streets of the City and promising upon the application of the City or County Magistrates, to order a competent draft from the Militia if necessary in aid of the Civil Authority; and in order thereto instructions were given to General McPherson to make the proper arrangements with the Mayor, and to report to the Governor the result.

The Mayor was then requested to appoint a competent guard at the Gun Powder Magazine and Arsenal.

Monday, May 7th 1798.

The Governor this day granted pardons to the following named Persons in compliance with the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia vizt:—

James Henderson convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to three years servitude at hard labour and fined fifty dollars with costs &c.

John McFarlan convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the

Mayor's Court to four months Imprisonment at hard labour and fined five Dollars with costs &c.

John Fowlin convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years and fined one pounds sixteen shillings with costs of suit &c.

Richard Laster convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for eighteen months and fined nine pounds eight shillings and nine pence, with cost of prosecution &c.

Daniel Davis convicted of Horse stealing and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Berks, to an imprisonment at hard labour for three years, and fined in a sum equal to the value of the Horse stolen.

John Jones convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Berks to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of one year, with costs of suit &c.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Managers and Members of the Beula Seminary in the County of Somerset being presented to the Governor, with a certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the State, of the lawfulness thereof, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor; and was agreeably to the provisions of the Act of Assembly passed the 6th day of April 1791, transmitted to the Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for Inrollment, at the expense of the Applicants.

Matthew Standley was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Townships of Brandywine, Honeybrook, East Caln and West Nantmel in the County of Chester.

The Governor this day instructed Major Jeremiah Fisher to obtain from Abraham Morrow the arms belonging to the State, and to deliver the order of Brigadier General McPherson as many stands as he shall require with the necessary ammunition. The order was communicated to General McPherson, who was informed that Major Fisher would call on him, to fix the time and manner of delivery and the General was requested to make such arrangements with the militia as to insure the return of the arms to Major Fisher, when the present occasion is over.

Brigadier General Morgan of the County of Philadelphia was instructed by the Governor to hold in readiness a draft from the Militia of his Brigade to aid the civil authority

when called upon in co-operation with a similar draft from the City Brigade; and he was requested by the Governor to confer with General Macpherson upon the arrangements which it may be proper to make and to settle with him the apportionment of the force, being the companies of Infantry and one Troop of Horse, which the Magistrates have deemed requisite to be kept in preparation. General Morgan was then informed of the instructions to Major Fisher to deliver to his order a corresponding supply of arms and ammunition.

Tuesday May 8th 1798.

By direction of the Governor the Secretary of the Commonwealth requested the particular attention of the Mayor to the security of the gun powder magazine, and suggested to him the propriety of establishing such a relief for a guard as will allow of six persons being constantly on watch.

It having been represented to the Governor that a certain John A. Rook is charged with having stolen a bay Horse and brown Mare the property of Roger Kirk of Chester County and that he has fled from the justice of this State, into the State of Delaware, the Executive of that State was requested to cause, the said John A Rook to be apprehended if found, in the State of Delaware; and delivered up, to be removed to this State having jurisdiction of his crime, agreeably to the Constitution of the United States, and Act of Congress, of the 12th of February. 1793.

Thursday May 10th 1798.

A Return of Borough Officers, elected in the Borough of Sunbury in the County of Northumberland was this day received and filed in the Secretarys Office by which it appeared the following Gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:

Martin Withington having fifty eight votes for	} Burgesses
Daniel Hurley having fifty eight votes	

James Alexander having ninety seven votes	} for Assistants
Daniel Boger ninety nine do	
Dorus Keel .....forty eight do	
Paul Baldy forty seven do	

Robert Hunter having ninety seven votes for Town Clerk.
 John Geist seventy eight votes for High Constable.

Friday May 11th 1798.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons vizt:

Thomas Morrison convicted of Larceny, in the County of Mifflin and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to undergo, a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of fifteen pounds four shillings and six pence, with costs of suit &c.

William Kieth convicted of a breach of the Health laws, by coming to the city of Philadelphia without having completed the quarantine, prescribed by the said laws, or undergoing the examination of the examination of the Resident Physician of the Port, and for that offence was fined in the sum of five hundred Dollars with costs of suit &c.

Saturday, May 12th 1798.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Bucks made a Return of elections of nine officers of Militia in that Brigade;—whereupon Commissions issued to the Persons named in said Return, as follows, vizt:—

Thomas Marshall Captain	} of 5 th Comp ^y 4 th Regiment
John Lutz Lieutenant	

Nathaniel Shewel first Lieut. of the second Troop of Horse.

Henry Vanhorn Captain of 7th Comp^y 2nd Regiment.

Richard Lloyd Captain

James Screll Lieut.

Charles Snowden Ensign

	} of a Light Infantry Comp ^y

Joseph Baldwin jr Major of the 1st Battⁿ in 2nd Regiment.

Joseph Huckinson second Lieut. of an Artillery Company.

Monday May 14th 1798.

The Governor this day remitted the fine of three hundred Dollars which was imposed upon John Mullowney by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, for an Assault and Battery, of which he was convicted at the said Court; the said Mullowney, having been well recommended for said remission.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of James Mease, of the Office of Resident Physician, of the Port of

Philadelphia; and thereupon, in compliance with a respectable recommendation, appointed and commissioned Dr James Hall to be Resident Physician of the Port of Philadelphia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation.

A Return of Borough Officers, elected in the Borough of Reading in the County of Berks, was received by which it appeared, that the following persons were duly elected vizt.

Jacob Bright	}	Burgesses.
Christian Barranstone		
Peter Strikler	}	Assistant Burgesses.
Frederick Heller		
John Goodhart		
Samuel Hawman		

John Spyker—Clerk of said Borough.

Jacob Oswald—High Constable.

Tuesday May 15th 1798.

James Laird and John Hoffman, Esquires, were appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace the former for the district of the township of Turbutt and Derry in the County of Northumberland; and the latter for the district of the township of Upper Pextang in the County of Dauphin.

A Return of Borough Officers elected in the Borough of Easton, was this day received, by which it appeared that the following Gentlemen were duly elected. vizt:—

Peter Shnyder—Chief Burgess		
John Herster	}	Burgesses
Danl. Waggoner		
John Brotzman		
Christian Bixler		

Nicholas Troxsell High Constable

Eseck Howell—Town Clerk.

A fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Adam James by the Mayors Court, for Fornication and Bastardy, was this day remitted by the Governor.

A commission was issued to Henry Speering as a Captain of a Troop of Light Horse, attached to the Northampton County Brigade, upon a return made according to law.

The Governor having taken into consideration a statement presented to him, by James Wells Brigade Inspector of the County of Somerset, with sundry depositions respecting a contested election of Militia Officers in the said County, this

day instructed the Secretary of the Commonwealth to return the same to Mr Wells, and to inform him, that in the opinion of the Governor, under all the circumstances of the case the persons highest in votes are entitled to Commissions, for the respective Offices.

Wednesday, May 16th 1798.

A Return of Borough Officers, elected in the Borough of Harrisburg, was received, from which it appeared, that the following Gentlemen were duly elected vizt:

Burgesses	{ Michael Kapfe, having seventy six votes	
	{ Stacy Potts	seventy two
	{ Henry Bruner, having ninety six votes	
Assistt	{ John Gillum	ninety four "
Burgesses	{ John Shoch	eighty two "
	{ George Whitehill	seventy one "
Town Clerk	William Mears	fifty seven "
High Constable	Simon Snider	sixty eight "

Friday, May 18th 1798.

This day, the Governor granted Pardons to the following named Persons vizt:—

John McFadden convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Mifflin County to a servitude at hard labour for the space of one year, and fined twenty five shillings, with costs &c.

Adam Smith convicted of Fornication and Bastardy and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Huntingdon, to pay a fine of ten pounds with costs &c.

John and Samuel Cunningham convicted of Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Chester County, to pay each two fines amounting to forty Dollars &c.

Saturday May 19th 1798.

A return of Borough Officers, for the Borough of Bedford, in the County of Bedford was received by which it appeared, that the following Gentlemen were duly elected vizt:

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, having by the Governor's direction consulted the Attorney General on the com-

munication of Lieutenant Colonel Shrupp of the first Regiment of Philadelphia County Militia, this day informed Colonel Shrupp of that Gentleman's opinion, that under the 3^d section of the Militia a Light Infantry Company to be attached to a Battalion may be formed from the whole Regiment of which the Battalion is a part.

Monday May 21st 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar was this day granted to William Murray with one Horse, for one year, upon recommendation from the court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond executed according to law.

A Return of an election of Officers of a Light Infantry Company attached to the fourth Regiment of the Philadelphia City Brigade, was this day received from the Brigade Inspector when the following Gentlemen were commissioned as follows vizt:

John McClenachan—Captain

Andrew Magill—first Lieutenant

John H. Doublebowler second Lieutenant

A Return of Borough Officers, for the Borough of York, in the County of York, was this day received, by which it appeared, that the following Gentlemen were duly elected vizt:—

Jacob Barnitz

Andrew Johnson

Christopher Lauman

John Edie

Jacob Gardner

Jacob Hay

Joseph Welshans

Jacob Upp

Christopher Stoebr High Constable

John Doll junr. Town Clerk.

} Burgesses.

} Assistant Burgesses.

The Secretary of State having communicated to the Governor, the result of the application to the British Government for permission to export the arms included in the Contract with Messrs. Thomas and John Ketland, and as the answer of Lord Grenville may be considered as amounting to a refusal, the Governor this informed Messrs Thomas and John Ketland of the necessity of making other arrangements on the subject.

The Governor this day, granted Pardons to the following

named Persons, upon the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philada. vizt:—William Dalton convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of three years, and fined in the sum of nine hundred and sixty four pounds, with costs &c.

Abraham H. Vouchee convicted of Larceny; and sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Cumberland, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of five years, from the 4th January 1796 and fined in the sum of four hundred and eighty seven Dollars, with costs of suit &c.

John Fredericks, convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Bedford, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and fined twenty one Dollars with costs of suit &c.

Francis Smith convicted of Horse-stealing and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Bucks, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of five years, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of forty Dollars &c.

George Fexter convicted of Horse-stealing, and sentenced, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Dauphin, to undergo a servitude at hard labour, and to pay a fine to the use of the Commonwealth of one hundred and twenty Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c.

Rachel Wansley convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to six months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined six pounds with costs of suit &c by the Mayor's Court.

Tuesday May 22nd 1798.

Bernard Hubley, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the County of Northumberland, this day, made a return of Elections of Militia Officers, and requested commissions for the Gentlemen therein named; whereupon Commissions were issued in due form, agreeably to the said Return, vizt:—

First Regiment.

James MinnesEnsign of the second Company.
 Daniel MetzgarCaptain of the fifth Company.
 Matthias ShefferLieut. of the fifth Company.
 Andrew Endsworth ...Ensign of the fifth Company.

Second Regiment.

Henry MoyerMajor of the 1st Battn.
 Simon SniderMajor of the second Battalion
 Casper Wannemcher ..Captn of the first Company.
 Jacob HarpsterLieut. of Do Do
 Jacob GrimmEnsign of Do Do
 Samuel WitmerCaptain of the second Company.
 George ArnoldLieut. of the second Company.
 John KerstellerEnsign of the second Company
 Frederick SteesCaptain of the third Company
 Michael BrightLieut. of the third Company.
 Robert PattersonEnsign of the third Company.
 Philip MeyerCaptain of the fourth Company.
 Michael WeaverLieut. of Do Do
 Jacob MeyerEnsign of Do Do
 Andrew LelstCaptain of the fifth Do
 Adam BolenderLieut. of the fifth Do
 John BolenderEnsign of the fifth Do
 Henry GrossCaptain of the sixth Do
 Anthony GiftLieut of the sixth Do
 Jacob MyerEnsign of the sixth Do
 Daniel AurantCaptain of the seventh Do
 Richard MadoxLieut. of the seventh Do
 Francis RothEnsign of the seventh Do
 Thomas PriceCaptain of the eighth Do
 Daniel KochLieut. of the eighth Do
 Michael ShockEnsign of the eighth Do

Third Regiment.

John TeetsworthLieutenant Colonel.
 Daniel VincentMajor of the first Battalion
 David ShannonCaptain of the Rifle Compy. 1st Battn.
 Thomas McClintock ...Lieut. of Do. Do.
 Joseh HammondEnsign of Do. Do.
 John MurrayCaptain of the first Company.
 Thomas MurrayLieut. of the first Company.
 James LatimoreCaptain of the second Company.
 William McKinneyCaptain of the third Company.
 Thomas DicksonLieut. of the third Company.
 Flavel OaksEnsign of the third Company.

Bethuel Vincent	Captain	} of the fourth Company.
Robert Patterson	Lieut.	
Jared Irwin Junr	Ensign	

John Vandike	Captain	} of the fifth Company.
Patrick McGlougan	Lieut.	
John Cafer	Ensign	
Joseph Hutcheson	Captain	} of the seventh Company.
John Jaboby	Lieut.	
Thomas Gilmore	Ensign	
David Hunter	Captain	} of the eighth Company.
James Calhoon	Lieut.	
David Montgomery	Ensign	

Fourth Regiment.

Frederick Lazarus	Lieutenant Colonel.	
Samuel Scott	Major of the first Battalion	
Robert Gray	Captain Light Infantry 1 st Battalion.	
Peter Withington	Lieut. Do. Do. Do.	
Daniel Lebo	Ensign Do. Do. Do.	
Paul Baldy	Captain	} of the first Company.
John Lawrence	Lieutenant	
Jacob Goss		
Jacob Gerhart	Captain	} of the second Company.
Isaac Dewitt	Lieut.	
Thomas Vanbuskirk	Ensign	
Henry Bucher	Captain	} of the third Company.
Henry Sheffer	Lieut.	
Doras Keel	Ensign	
William Spring	Captain	} of Light Infantry 2 ^d Batt ⁿ .
James Maxwell	Lieut.	
John Shriner	Ensign	
William Logue	Captain	} of the fifth Company.
Samuel Maus	Lieutenant	
Wm. McCoy	Ensign	
James Lemmon	Captain	} of the sixth Company.
Jacob Thomas	Lieut.	
Ralph Huzzee	Ensign	

Fifth Regiment.

Joseph Salmon	Lieutenant Colonel.	
Thomas Lemon	Major of the first Battalion.	
Joseph Heister junr	Major of the second Battalion.	
Levy Aikman	Captain	} of the first Company.
Abraham Miller	Lieut.	
Joshua Webb	Ensign	
Christian Marckley	Captain	} of the second Company.
Matthias Lemmon	Lieut.	
John Clingman	Ensign	

Daniel McHenry	Captain	} of the third Company.
James Wintersteen	Lieut.	
Harman Kline	Ensign	
Christian Brobst	Captain	} of the fourth Company.
Edward Thornton	Lieut.	
Leonard Rupert	Captain	
Thomas Willets	Lieut.	} of the fifth Company.
Daniel Boyer	Ensign	
James Evans	Captain	
James Search	Lieut.	} of the sixth Company.
Arthur McCafferty	Ensign	
Samuel Yetter	Captain	
Gilbert Low	Lieut.	} of the seventh Company.
Daniel Yoeman	Ensign	
George Longaberger	Captain	
Philip Miller	Lieut.	} of the eighth Company.
Daniel Noyer	Ensign	

Sixth Regiment.

Daniel Montgomery Jr.	Lieutenant Colonel.	
William Colt	Major of the 1 st Battalion.	
Alexander Dickson	Major of the 2 ^d Battalion	
Samuel McFarran	Captain	} of the first Company.
Thomas Woodside	Lieut.	
James Larrison	Ensign	
James Donaldson	Captain	} of the second Company.
Jacob Busdman	Lieut.	
Richd. Robinson	Ensign	
Nathan Sargeant	Captain	} of the third Company.
John Hewit	Lieut.	
Hugh Wilson	Ensign	
Thomas Moorhead	Captain	} of the fourth Company.
James Beard	Lieut.	
Robert Johnston	Ensign	
Gersham Biddle	Captain	} of the fifth Company.
Robert Bigger	Lieut.	
Andrew Irvin	Captain	
Daniel Dildon	Lieut.	} of the sixth Company.
Annon Thomas	Ensign	
Charles Riddle	Captain	
Andrew Falls	Lieut.	} of the seventh Company.
John Falls	Ensign	
Marshall Girton	Captain	
David Carnahon	Lieut.	} of the eighth Company.
Andrew Sheep	Ensign	

Thomas Taylor	Captain	} of Light Infantry 1st Battn.
James Scott	Lieut.	
Andrew Hutchinson	Ensign	

Seventh Regiment.

Abraham McKinney	Lieut. Colonel.	
Jacob Feather	Major of the 1st Battalion.	
William Tietsworth	Major of the 2d Battalion.	
Peter Ferst	Captain	} Rifle Company 1st Battalion.
Michael Sheffer	Lieut.	
Saml. Aughmoody	Ensign	
Andrew Reits	Captain of the fifth Company.	
Jacob Sheffer	Captain	} of the second Company.
John Ryder	Lieut.	
Abraham Trautman	Ensign	
Henry Bordner	Captain	} of the third Company.
Jacob Langert	Lieut.	
Casper Heckard	Ensign	
Wm Dobson	Captain of the fourth Company.	
Daniel Steenman	Captain	} of the fifth Company.
John Rockefeller	Lieut.	
David Thurston	Ensign	
Lambert Pitner	Captain	} of the sixth Company.
Benjamin Campbell	Lieut.	
Adam Knight	Ensign	
Nicholas Shipman	Captain	} of the seventh Company.
David Wealsh	Lieut.	
Jacob Snider	Captain	
Peter Rockefeler	Lieut.	} of the eighth Company.
John Clark	Ensign	

Wednesday, May 23d 1798.

The fine of one hundred and thirty Dollars which was imposed upon James Steat, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Montgomery for an Assault and Battery, was this day remitted, by the Governor, and also the punishment of two years imprisonment to which he was also sentenced by the said Court.

Thursday, May 24th 1798.

Upon information received from His Excellency John Henry, Esquire, Governor of the State of Maryland, that a certain Wm Delasere, stands charged in that State with Felony; that

he has fled from the Justice of the said State and is now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia—the Governor of this Commonwealth, this day, issued his Warrant under the Less Seal of the State to Jonathan Penrose, Esquire, Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, authorising and requiring him to deliver the said William Delasure may be removed from his State to the State of Maryland, having jurisdiction of his crime, in compliance with the requisition of the said Governor Henry, made in pursuance of the Act of Congress of the 12th day of February 1793.

Friday May 25th 1798.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Ebenezer Jayne and Morgan J. Rhees, to be Justices of the Peace; the former for the District of Middle Smithfield township in the County of Northampton; and the latter for the District of Quemahoning Township in the County of Somerset.

Robert A. Farmer, was also appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the townships of Amity, Douglass and Exeter in the County of Berks.

The Governor, this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, vizt:

Sarah Ivy, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayors Court, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of one year, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten dollars with costs &c

Thomas Emmings convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of nine months, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of one pound five shillings and four pence with costs of prosecution &c

John Moore, convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court to six months servitude at hard labour and fined three Dollars with costs of prosecution &c

Barney Ward convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for four months, and fined five dollars with costs of suit &c

John Gibbons convicted of Fornication and Bastardy and sentenced by the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cumberland, to pay a fine of ten pounds with costs of prosecution &c

Alexander McKinney convicted of keeping a disorderly-house, upon one Indictment, and of Assault and Battery, upon

three Indictments, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to pay four several fines amounting to Seventy two pounds fifteen Shillings, with costs of suit give security for good behaviour, &c &c

Teney Deal, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of six months, and to pay a fine of three pounds two shillings and six pence with costs &c

Returns of Elections of sundry Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Brigade of the City of Philadelphia, were this day received, and commissions were made out accordingly vizt:

Second Regiment.

George Dean	first Lieutenant	} of Light Infantry
William Crawford	second Lieutenant	
William Hunckle	Captain of the fourth Company.	
Jacob Demis	Lieut. of the fifth Company.	
Robert Park	Lieut. of the sixth Company.	
William Wisdom	Ensign of the seventh Company.	

Saturday May 26th 1798.

John Whithill John Ferree and John Wentz Esquires were this day appointed and commissioned, Justices of the Peace; the two former for the County of Lancaster; and the latter for the County of Montgomery, in and for the following districts vizt:—John Whitehill for the district of the townships of Donegal, Mountjoy and Rapho—John Ferree for the district of the townships of Strasburgh and Lampeter: and John Wentz for the district of the townships of Norristown, Whitpaine, and Worcester in the County of Montgomery.

In pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, passed the sixteenth day of March 1798, entitled, "An Act authorising certain Lotteries," the Commissioners of the Pittsburgh Lottery thereby authorised, presented to the Governor their Bond in the sum of Eighty thousand dollars, duly executed, with a scheme of the first class of the said Lottery; whereupon the Governor accepted the said Bond, and approved of the Scheme, which was as follows vizt:

Scheme of the first Class of the Pittsburgh Lottery

1 Prize of	1000 Dollars is	1000 Drs.
1	800	800
2	500	1000
3	400	1200
5	300	1500
10	200	2000
15	100	1500
20	50	1000
100	15	1500
2000	7	14000
1	2000 last drawn Ticket	2000
1	1000 2 ^d last drawn	1000
1	500 3 ^d last drawn	500

2210 Prizes } 6000 Tickets at 5 Dollars is 30000 Dolls
 3790 Blanks }

All prizes subject to a deduction of 15 p. Cent.

At a full meeting of the Commissioners of the Pittsburgh Lottery the above Scheme was unanimously adopted for the first class of the said Lottery.

James Brison
 Secretary

Nathan Bedford, Presdt
 Pittsburgh 30th Aug. 1798.

Approved May 26th 1798.

T. Mifflin

The Commissioners were immediately informed of the Governors acceptance and approbation of the said Lottery scheme.

Pardons were, this day granted to Thomas Bingham, John Carton, Philip Linenger and James Shaw, who were severally convicted in the County of Lancaster, of an Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County; the said Thomas Bingham to pay a fine of Twenty dollars and the said John Carton, Philip Linenger and James Shaw the sum of fifteen dollars each with costs &c

A Pardon was granted, by the Governor to Joseph Buchanan and Robert McGee, who were severally convicted of Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, in the Month of April 1798. to undergo a servitude at hard labour each for the term of three months, and fined each in the sum of one dollar, and give security to keep the peace &c

Monday May 28th 1798.

The Governor this day issued his Warrant, under the Great Seal of the State, requesting and requiring all persons whomsoever, to permit Roger Kirk and Elisha Kirk of Chester County in this Commonwealth to secure a certain John A. Rook, a fugitive from the Justice of this Commonwealth, and bring him unmolested into this State from the State of Delaware, for the purpose of trial, for the offence with which he is charged into this State.

Tuesday May 29th 1798.

In pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, passed on the sixteenth day of March 1798, entitled "An Act authorising certain Lotteries" the Commissioners of the Greene Castle German Episcopal Church Lottery in the County of Franklin thereby authorised, presented their Bond in the sum of 2400 Dollars, duly executed, with a Scheme.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John Scott to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Town of Shippensburg in the County of Cumberland.

A Return of the Election of Field Officers of the Militia of the County of Mifflin was presented to the Governor and commissions were issued to the Persons therein named, vizt:—
Hugh McClelland Esqr, Major of the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment.
David Mitchell Major of the second Battalion Do.
John Moore Major of the second Battalion of 2nd Regiment.
John Holt Lieutenant Colonel of the fourth Regiment.
John Roll Major of the first Battalion fourth Do.
James Williamson Major of the 2nd Battalion Do.

Wednesday May 30th 1798.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Joshua Thompson for Fornication and Bastardy, of which he was convicted, in the County of Delaware, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Thursday May 31st 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar for one year, on foot, within this Commonwealth was granted to Samuel Davidson, upon recommendation of the

Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Letters were this day written to Edward Crawford and James Brison Esquires, Prothonotaries of the Counties of Franklin and Allegheny informing them of the Governor's approbation of the Greene Castle and Pittsburgh Lotteries, authorised by an Act of the General Assembly of the 16th of March last.

Friday June 1st 1798.

A Return of Militia Officers in the first Washington Brigade to fill vacancies, was this day received from the Brigade Inspector, and Commissions were thereupon issued to the Officers named therein vizt:—

	1 Compv. 1 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
James Rankin	Amariah Johnston	Andrew Crites
	2 Compv. 1 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
George McMillan	Moses Kerr	Nathl. Thomas
	3 Compv. 1 Regt.	
	Ensign	
	John Grant	
	4 Compv. 1 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
Wm. Moss	Enoch Philips	James McGibbony
	5 Compv. 1 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
Abner Biddle	Abraham Crabbs	Henry Crabbs
	6 Compv. 1 Regt.	
	Ensign	
	Matthew Anderson	
	7 Compv. 1 Regt.	
Captain		Lieutenant
Dorsey Pentecost		Casper Stoner
	8 Compv. 1 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
Thomas McCombs	Thomas Furgeson	Nathan Dalley
	2 ^d Lt. Infy.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
Robert Porter	Andw. Holmes	Joseph Caldwell
	1 Compv. 2 ^d Regt.	
Lieutenant		Ensign
Robert Moore		Benja. Bay

	6 Compv. 2 ^d Regt.	
	Lieutenant	
	Robert Forsythe	
	4 Compv. 3 Regt.	
	Captain	
	Francis Stone	
	7 Compv. 3 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
James Armstrong	Mannin Martin	Alexr. Gumm
	8 Compv. 3 Regt.	
Lieutenant		Ensign
Jacob Leffler		Peter Miller
Arthur Chamberlain	Major of the 1 st Battalion	
	6 Compv. 4 Regt.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
Nehemiah Scott	Ezekiel Clark	Noah Cook
	1 st Lt. Infy.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
Henry Vankirk	Joseph Seaman	George Caton
	2 ^d Lt. Infy.	
Captain	Lieutenant	Ensign
W ^m Cannon Senr.	David Boyce	John Wilson
	2 Compv. 5 th Regt.	
	Lieutenant	
	James Larrimore	
	3 Compv. 5 th Regt.	
	Lieutenant	
	James Dobbins	
	5 Compv. 5 th Regt.	
Lieutenant		Ensign
James Montgomery		John McCall
	Lt. Dragoons	
Captain	Lieutenant	Cornet
Hugh Wilson	Edward Murdock	Matthew Taylor

Saturday June 2^d 1798.

A Pardon was granted to Jonathan Wallace, who was convicted of Assault and Battery in the County of Cumberland and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter of the Peace of the said County, to pay a fine of one hundred and fifty Dollars with costs of prosecution &c and find security for good behaviour for one year &c.

Upon a respectable recommendation John Shaw was ap-

pointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the townships of Rockhill and Bedminster in the County of Bucks.

Information was this day given to the Governor by James Rolph of the district of Southwark in the County of Philadelphia of an escheat that has happened to the Commonwealth of a Frame Messuage and Lot of Ground situate on the North side of Union Street, between 2^d and 3^d Streets in the City of Philadelphia, and of considerable personal Estate by the death of Lawrence Stantz deceased intestate without heirs or known kindred.

Upon a Return of an election held according to law by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Philadelphia Commissions were this day issued to Basil Wood as Captain Joseph Musgrave as Lieutenant and Andrew Thatcher as Ensign of the Light Infantry Company of Militia attached to the first Battalion of the first Regiment of the Militia of the said County.

Copies of a Letter addressed by the Governor to the Officers of each Brigade of Militia in this Commonwealth were, this day transmitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to Josiah Harmar Adjutant General of the Militia with instructions to take the earliest opportunity to circulate the same to urge the necessity of an immediate and strict attention to the general organization of the Militia, but more particularly of the State quota of the draft of Eighty thousand directed by the Act of Congress.

Tuesday June 5th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, was granted to Philip Mullan, for one year, on foot, within this Commonwealth, upon a recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Jacob Miller was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the townships of Bristol Oxford Lower Dublin and Biberry in the County of Philadelphia.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon John English, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday June 6th 1798.

Jehu Evans and John Wilson were this day appointed and Commissioned Justices of the Peace in and for the district of the townships of Lower Salford Towamensing and Franconia in the County of Montgomery.

Thursday, June 7th 1798.

The Governor, this day, remitted the fine of £9.0.0 which was imposed upon Jacob Keyser for not performing his tour of Militia duty, in the quota of Militia called out in the year 1794 on the Western Expedition, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

The resignation of James Read Esquire of the Office of Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Wayne was this day received and accepted by the Governor.

Friday June 8th 1798.

A contract was this day concluded between the Governor, on behalf of the Commonwealth and John Norris Esquire, of Lewistown in the County of Mifflin, for opening and improving a Road from Lewistown to Penns Valley, in the said County, by laying out and expending the sum of four hundred Dollars, which was appropriated by an Act of the General Assembly of the eleventh day of April 1793, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature.

The resignation of Joseph Kerr, Esquire, of the Office of Brigade Inspector of the County of Philadelphia was this day received, and accepted by the Governor, and thereupon Frederick Wolbert of the Township of the Northern Liberties was appointed and commissioned Brigade Inspector to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said Resignation—John Guier and John Clein were accepted as sureties, upon which a Bond was executed in due form.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Daniel Stroud, Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Wayne, in the room of James Read resigned yesterday—and as his sureties from whom a Bond was taken in due form.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, within this Commonwealth, with one Horse, for one year, was this day granted to William Boyle upon a recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace,

of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Saturday June 9th 1798.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:

Jacob Ettwein convicted of keeping a Tippling house and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to pay a fine of ten pounds with costs &c

Peggy Rhodes convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of six months and to pay a fine of seven shillings with costs &c

Valentine Bowers convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayors Court, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the term of two years, and to pay a fine of Three hundred and ninety eight Dollars and forty six cents.

Thomas Jones convicted of Larceny, and sentenced to one years servitude at hard labour, and to pay a fine of four dollars with costs &c

Mary Hammil convicted of keeping a Tippling House and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, with costs of prosecution &c

Tuesday June 12th 1798.

Upon application of Bard Esquire Representative in Congress, the Governor this day appointed and commissioned James Irwin to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Montgomery in the County of Franklin.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, vizt:

Alexander McKinney, who on the 21st of last month obtained a Pardon, on condition of leaving the State forthwith not to return, which condition the Governor has now thought proper to dispense with.

Thomas Fisher, convicted of an Assault, and fined by the Mayors Court, to pay the sum of twenty Dollars with costs of prosecution &c

John Ward convicted of keeping a Tippling house, and sentenced for that offence to pay a fine of £10.—and also

for an Assault and Battery of which he was convicted upon two Indictments, in two fines of ten dollars each with costs &c

A Return of an Election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Delaware County Brigade of Militia was this day presented to the Governor; whereupon Commissions were issued to the Gentlemen therein named, as follows, vizt:

Thomas Wilcox Lieutenant Colonel.

George Hannum Major of the first Battalion

John Seely Captain

Clatworthy Oneal Lieut

Thomas Cheyney Ensign

William Litzenberg Captain

Thomas Brooke Lieut.

Edward Jones Ensign

} of the first compy. in
the 1st Regt.

} of the eighth Compy.
2^d Regiment.

A committee of a meeting of Militia Officers of the City Brigade consisting of Major General Thomas Proctor his Aid du Camp, Major Wm. Sergeant, Colonel Francis Gurney, Colonel Samuel McClain, and Captain John Woodside this day addressed the Governor on the subject of his circular Letter, to the Officers of the several Brigades of Militia of this Commonwealth, in the words following to wit, vizt:

"At a meeting of the General of Division and the Officers of Militia of the Philadelphia Brigade, at the State House in the City of Philadelphia, Monday June 11th 1798.

The circular Letter from the Governor to the Militia Officers of Pennsylvania was read

Resolved—That the members of this meeting are highly sensible of the importance of the objects to which the Governor has called their attention, and are determined by their most zealous exertions to co-operate for the glorious purpose of preserving the independence honor and safety of their Country.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and report an answer to the Governor's Address, expressive of the determination contained in the preceeding Resolution, of the most cordial approbation of the Patriotic Sentiments with which the address is replete, and of the personal attachment and esteem with which his public services has inspired the members of this meeting."

"A committee having been appointed retired, and in a little time returned and presented the following address, which was adopted."

"To His Excellency Thomas Mifflin Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, Sir,

"We have perused with great satisfaction your circular Address to the Officers of the Militia of Pennsylvania. The sentiments which it expresses are proofs of an enlightened Patriotism that cannot fail to increase the personal confidence and esteem which your public services have long merited and obtained from your fellow-Citizens."

"Actuated by similar feelings we do not hesitate to assure you of our most zealous co-operation in every measure that can promote the honor and safety of our Country; nor can we doubt the success of the general exertion of the Citizens of the Union, when we reflect that a display of the same patriotic virtues which established our national Independence must be competent to protect our national rights."

"As it has been authoritatively announced, that our Government is compelled by France to relinquish the hope of peace, we shall, in our official and private characters, prepare, with alacrity for the painful alternative of war."

"The accomplishment of the objects of your address will, therefore, command our earliest and most vigilant attention; and we anxiously hope, that the spirit and patriotism of the Great Body of the Militia of the Union (in addition to the other resources, which the wisdom of Congress may employ) will be found competent to repel every hostile attack upon our Country, and to perpetuate that great political blessing a Free Republican Government

Signed by order and in behalf of the meeting
Attest

Thomas Proctor Maj. Gen.
Division of the City and County of Philadelphia."

Wm. Sergeant Secy. &c
A D C to Gen. Proctor.

The Governor's reply to the foregoing Address was in the words following, vizt:
Gentlemen.

I perceive, in the answer, that you have given to my circular Address, the strongest evidence of that public spirit, which has always been characteristic of the Freemen of Pennsylvania; and which, I am confident, will be found, at this crisis, to pervade the whole body of the Militia.

And here, permit me, more particularly, Gentlemen, to entreat, that you (and I earnestly hope that all our Fellow Citizens) will take advantage of the present momentous period, to disseminate in every class of the community, the

principles of mutual deference and confidence; to revive the harmony of Society; and to perpetuate, upon the basis of our common interest, that unanimity, which is essential to render us happy at home, and respectable abroad.

It will be apparent, likewise, to the world, that whatever, diversity of opinion may be produced upon political speculations by an exercise of equal rights, which, as citizens, we enjoy, there can never arise a difference, in design, or determination, when the object contemplated, is the protection of the liberties and rights of our Country.

June 11th 1798.

Thomas Mifflin

To The General of Division
and the Officers of the Militia of
The Philadelphia Brigade.

Thursday June 14th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Philip Hahn upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond given according to law.

Saturday, June 16th 1798.

A Return of Borough Officers, for the Borough of Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny was received and filed the name and rank of the Gentlemen elected were as follows vizt:—

A Pardon was granted, by the Governor to Margaret Gossner, convicted of an Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of twenty Dollars less with costs of Prosecution &c.

Tuesday June 19th 1798.

The case of Thomas Burrall of the County of Dauphin who is an alien, and who obtained a Commission as a Justice of the Peace, for the said County, from the Governor, on the twenty eighth day of March last, was this day referred to the Attorney General, for his opinion, on the question whether a Commission of the Peace can be held by an Alien not naturalized.

A committee of a meeting of Militia Officers of the County of Philadelphia consisting of General Jacob Morgan Colonel Wm. Coates, Doctor Michael Leib, Colonel Isaac Franks and Colonel Isaac Worrall, this day, waited on the Governor, at his house, and addressed him on the subject of his circular letter to the Officers of the several Brigades of Militia of this Commonwealth.

A Letter dated, this day, addressed to the Governor was received from Tench Francis Esqr. as follows:—

“Philadelphia June 19th 1798.

“Sir.

“To accommodate the Treasury Department of the United State, I now beg leave to propose taking the State Buildings on Ninth Street, and the whole Lot from Market to Chestnut Street, on the following Terms—To pay an annual Rent of One thousand Pounds Pennsylvania Currency—quarterly, half yearly or annually as the Governor may choose—on a Lease of two years to commence the day of next To protect the Floors by canvas or other sufficient covering—To restore the premises at the expiration of the Lease in like good order, as when received the danger of fire and other unforeseen accidents excepted.

I am, Sir, most respectfully

“His Excellency

Your Obed. humble servant

Thomas Mifflin Esquire.

Tench Francis Purs.

The Governor referred the foregoing letter to the Attorney General with a request, that he will give his opinion on the Governors power to comply with the said request.

Wednesday June 20th 1798.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Mary Mullen convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County to undergo a servitude at hard labour, and fined six Dollars with costs of prosecution &c.

A Return of an Election for Officers of a Company of Light Dragoons, belonging to the Luzerne County Brigade was presented to the Governor, and Commissions were issued to Lord Butler as Captain, James Stuart as first Lieutenant and William Ross second Lieutenant.

A Return of the Election of Militia Officers, to fill vacancies in the Westmoreland County Brigade, was presented to the Governor, and Commissions were issued to the Persons therein named as follows vizt:

First Regiment.

John Powers Lieutenant Colonel.
 Joshua Budd Major of the first Battalion.
 Gasper Tarr Major of the second Battalion.
 David Ryoe Captain of the sixth Company.
 James Lindes Ensign of Do Do

Second Regiment.

James Hunter Lieutenant of the fifth Company.
 Adam Poor Ensign of Do Do
 Hugh White Lieutenant of the eighth Company.
 John Camp Ensign of the eighth Company.

Third Regiment.

Thomas Allison Captain	}	of the third company.
Fergus Moorhead Lieut.		
Joseph McNutt Ensign		
John Dean Lieutenant	}	of the fourth Company.
David Elder Ensign		
John Henry Captain		
Josiah Moorhead Ensign	}	of the fifth Company.
John Snearly Ensign of the sixth company.		
William Dickson Captain of the eighth Company.		

Fourth Regiment.

Peter Walter	Captain of the fourth Company.
David Walter	Lieut of Do Do
Master Neiley	Ensign of Do Do
Hugh McKee	Lieut of the fifth Company.
Ebenezer Westley	Ensign of Do Do
James Kelly	Captain of the Sixth Company.
Samuel Henry	Lieut. of Do Do
Wm. Armstrong	Ensign of Do Do
Joseph Johnston	Ensign of the seventh Company.
Wm. Hast	Lieut. of the eighth Company.
Willm. McGeary	Ensign of Do Do

Fifth Regiment.

Thomas Hendricks	Captain of the fourth Company.
Samuel Slates	Lieut. Do Do
David Lawson	Ensign Do Do
John Ambrose	Captain Do Do

	Sixth Regiment.	
Robert Irwin	Ensign of the second Company.	
John Hill	Lieut. of the sixth Company.	
James McKisson	Ensign of the sixth Company.	
Frederick Shiveley	Lieut. of the seventh Company.	
Thomas McQuiston	Ensign of the	Do Do
John Milliron	Captain of the eighth Company.	
Jacob Smith	Lieut. of	Do Do
John Kirkpatrick	Captain	} of Light Infantry Do 1st Battn.
Robert Coopes	Lieut.	
Philip Drum	Ensign	

Thursday, June 21st 1798.

A Return of an Election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the second Regiment of the Philadelphia Brigade was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to James McGreath Lieutenant and Simon Clause Ensign of the fourth Company—and to John Gibson Lieutenant of the seventh company, in the said Regiment.

The Governor being very anxious that immediate measures should be taken to obtain a supply of arms under the Contract entered into with Thomas and John Ketland, and wishing to do every thing in his power, to remove the difficulty that has occurred in England this day requested Messrs. Thomas and John Ketland the Contractors to make some proposition for facilitating the Contract, to which he promised a prompt attention.

Friday June 22^d 1798.

The opinion of the Attorney General, on the power of the Governor, to comply with the request contained in the letter from Tench Francis Esqr. of the 19th instant, was day received, and is as follows vizt:—

“I am of opinion that the Act of Assembly, passed the thirtieth of September 1791, does not authorise the Governor to accede to the proposals contained in Mr. Francis’s letter.

“The House is appropriated for the personal accommodation of the President of the United States during his residence in this City, if he will accept thereof, difficulties of a Constitutional nature have arisen, and the design of the Legislature cannot at present be accomplished.

“I think therefore it would be conforming to the Spirit

of the law, to let the building for the accommodation of the Treasury Department, for two years, as proposed, provided it is expressly declared in the Lease to be made subject to such measures as the Legislature when they meet, shall adopt I conceive that this ought not to be left to operation of law but be expressed in the Lease to avoid the appearance of the Governors underting to do more than he has authority to perform.

June 22^d 1798.

Jared Ingersoll."

A copy of the above was sent to Mr Francis.

Monday June 25th 1798.

A Letter was written by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to the Health Officer of the Port of Philad^a communicating to him the information received by the Governor of the arrival of a Vessel at the Marine Hospital with a number of French Negroes on Baord from the West Indies, and that another Vessel having served out her quarantine had landed near 50 or 60 negroes in the City and instructing him to investigate the facts and to make a Report upon them as soon as possible.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Jenkin Lewis, convicted of Fornication and Bastardy; in the County of Lancaster, was this day remitted by the Governor.

The fine of nine pounds nine shillings which was imposed upon Richard Lloyd of the County of Delaware for not performing his tour of Mitila Duty, was remitted by the Governor.

A Return of an Election of Officers for a Rifle Company of Militia of the City of Philadelphia, was this day presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued conformably thereto to the following named Persons vizt:

John Coyle	—Captain
Obediah Stockton	—Lieutenant
Isaac Duncan	—Second Lieut.

Tuesday June 26th 1798.

James Williamson was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Plainfield and Chestnut-hill in the County of Northampton.

A Scheme of the Easton, Delaware Bridge Lottery was presented to the Governor by Jacob Eyerly, Esquire, one of

the Managers with a Bond executed by the Managers agreeably to the Act of General Assembly, passed the fourth day of April 1798, entitled, "An Act to enable the President and Managers, of the Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware at the Borough of Easton in the County of Northampton to raise by Way of Lottery the sum of twelve thousand five hundred Pounds for the purpose of compleating the work in their act of Incorporation mentioned," as follows, vizt:—

Easton Delaware Bridge Lottery.

1 Prize of.....	5000.....	is	5000
2 — —.....	2500.....	is	5000
3 Prizes of.....	1000.....	is	3000
6 last drawn....	1500.....	is	9000
8 Prizes of.....	500.....	is	4000
10 — —.....	300.....	is	3000
10 — —.....	200.....	is	2000
20 — —.....	100.....	is	2000
40 — —.....	50.....	is	2000
100 — —.....	20.....	is	2000
300 — —.....	10.....	is	3000
1200 — —.....	5.....	is	60000

12500 Tickets at 8 Dollars 100000 Dolls.

Four Dollars to be paid for each ticket at the time of Sale, and to favor those purchasers, who would buy a quantity of Tickets; every purchaser of twenty tickets or more shall by paying two Dollars on each ticket receive a credit for the remainder by giving approved security to pay the money as soon as the Lottery is drawn.—

All prizes subject to a deduction of 15 pr. Cent
Approved of by the Board of Managers the 28th
of May 1798.

Jacob Eyerly, Prest.

Approved 26th June 1798.

Thomas Mifflin.

Wednesday June 27th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to James Henry, upon recommendation, and Bond executed according to law.

The Governor with the advice of the Attorney General

and other State Officers, having deemed it expedient to prohibit the landing of any French Negroes coming from Port AuPrince or any other Port now or lately in the possession of the French in the West Indies, this day issued Instructions to the Health Officers, and to the Master Warden of the Port of Philadelphia, for enforcing the prohibition without delay, and requesting them to communicate the Instructions to the Board of Health, and to the Board of Wardens of the Port.

The information which the Governor received with respect to an attempt to land a number of French Negroes in the Port of Philadelphia, and the determination of the Governor to prohibit the landing of them, were this day communicated to the President of the United States, and the subject submitted for his consideration how far it might be proper to prohibit their landing, in a neighbouring State, and whether it would not be necessary to extend the prohibition to White-men, and requested of the President such co-operation of the Federal Government as he may deem expedient for the general safety.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth by direction of the Governor, wrote a Letter to Timothy Pickering, Esquire, Secretary of State requesting him to consider how far it would be proper to direct that a guard from the Garrison of Fort Mifflin should be stationed so as to prevent any outrage on the part of the Negroes, who are now on Board the Vessels at or near the Fort should they attempt to land.

The Governor deeming it necessary to prosecute the most expeditious and effectual measures for placing the Militia of the State in a perfect state of preparation, issued instructions to Colonel Clement Biddle to pay every attention to the arrangements which fall within the Quarter Masters Department and particularly to provide on the following points vizt:

1 That all the arms and Artillery belonging to the State be collected and deposited in safe and convenient places under the care of responsible public Officers.

2^d That all the camp equipage belonging to the State be collected and deposited in like manner.

3^d That a competent number of Deputies be nominated in the department to be called into service whenever necessary.

A Return of the Election of certain Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Philadelphia City Brigade was presented to the Governor and Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, vizt:—

Fifth Regiment.

John Miller	Captain of the first Company.		
John Hart	Lieut of	Do	Do
Michael Gilbert	Ensign of	Do	Do
John Marian	Captain of the second Company.		
Philip Limeburner	Lieut of	Do	Do
Andrew Logan	Ensign of	Do	Do
John Gravenstine	Captain of the third Company.		
George Wagner	Lieut. of	Do	Do
Jacob Zeller	Ensign of	Do	Do
John Clopp	Captain of	4th	Do
George Sneider	Lieutenant of	Do	Do
Jacob Munick	Ensign of	Do	Do

Thursday June 28th 1798.

A Return of the election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies, in the Brigade of the City of Philadelphia was presented to the Governor, and commissions were issued to the following named persons, vizt:

James Megreth	Lieut. of the 4th Comp.	2d Regiment
John Gibson	Lieut. of the 7th	Do Do
Simon Clause	Ensign of the 4th	Do Do.

Friday, June 29th 1798.

A Return of Militia Officers elected to fill vacancies in the Philadelphia City Brigade of Militia was presented to the Governor, and commissions were issued to the following Persons, vizt:

Frederick Godshalk	first Lieut.	} of the sixth Artillery } company.
Jacob Lybrant	third Lieut	

The fine of nine pounds, nine shillings which was imposed upon George Messenger of Northampton County for not performing his tour of Militia Duty in the year 1794, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Certain propositions made to the Governor by Thomas and John Ketland.

Saturday June 30th 1798.

The Governor took into consideration the case of Charles McManus and John Houer convicted in the County of Dauphin of Murder in the first degree, and the transcripts of

their conviction being received and before the Governor, it was thereupon ordered by the Governor, that execution of the sentence of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery held on the second Monday of June last in the said County be made and done upon them the said Charles McManus and John Houer on Saturday the fourteenth day of July next; and a Warrant was accordingly issued to the Sheriff of that County.

The fine of nine pounds, nine shillings which was imposed upon Philip Lassig of Northampton County, for not performing his tour of Militia duty in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, on the western Expedition, was this day remitted, by the Governor.

Monday July 2nd 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Laurence Kinner upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Tuesday, July 3rd 1798.

A Letter was received from Timothy Pickering Esqr. Secretary of State;—and thereupon the Governor revoked the prohibition contained in his letter of the twenty seventh of last Month, relating to the Passengers on board the Melpomene and other Vessels from the Mole—Letters were accordingly written to the Master Warden of the Port and Health Officer; also to Timothy Pickering Esqr. informing them of the revocation.

A Patent was granted to William West of the County of Philadelphia Merchant for a Lot of Ground marked in the general Plan of the Barrack ground with the Letter A. on the west side of Third Street continued in the Northern Liberties, in the said County, which was sold to him on the day of one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven for the sum of five hundred and ten Dollars.

A Return of Militia Officers elected to fill vacancies in the Regiment of Artillery attached to the Brigade of the City of

Philadelphia, was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons vizt:

Matthew Hale Captain
 John Hallman Captain Lieut.
 Fredk. Shenkle Jun. first Lieut.
 James Gerven second Lieut.

Wednesday July 4th 1798.

A Return of the Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Brigade of the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the Governor;—and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named persons vizt:

John Titermary junr. Captain	} of the 3rd Compy. 1st Regiment. } of the 4 Do Do.
David Ray Lieut.	
William OBryen Ensign	
Benjamin Dudley Captain	
William Bewles Ensign	

Thursday July 5th 1798.

Upon a general and respectable recommendation, the Governor granted a Pardon to Gideon Vernon, who was formerly of Chester County, and who was attained of High Treason, by a Proclamation of the Supreme Executive Council of the fifteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight founded upon an Act of the General Assembly for the attainder of divers Traitors, passed the sixth day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

A Pardon was granted to Jacob Weister of the County of York, who was convicted in the said County of a Conspiracy and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions to undergo an Imprisonment for one month, and to pay a fine of ten dollars &c

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Philadelphia City Brigade, was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named persons vizt:

Lewis Rush Captain	} of a Light Infantry, Company attached to the third Regiment.
John Cress Lieut.	
Horace Binney Ensign	

Friday July 6th 1798.

An application from Alexander Addison, Esquire, for Patents for Town Lots No. 109-110 and 145 in the Town of

Beaver and Out Lots No. 21 32 33 35 37, 38 40 41 and 123. near the said Town under a conveyance from David Bradford, who purchased the same from the Commonwealth, was by the Governors direction, this day referred to the Attorney General with a request, for his opinion, how far the Title was vested in David Bradford, and how far he could transfer it to Mr. Addison at the time and in the manner stated in the said Conveyance and application.

Monday July 9th 1798.

The several fines, amounting to eleven Dollars, which were imposed upon Richard White, for Assault and Battery, of which he was convicted, were, this day, remitted by the Governor.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Brigade of Cumberland County was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, agreeably to the said Return, vizt:

First Regiment.

William RodgersLieut. of the second company
Robert McLellandEnsign of Do. Do
Andrew Culbertson ...Captain of the third Company
Jacob KellerLieut. of Do. Do.
Nicholas KrehlCaptain of the fifth Company

Second Regiment.

Robert MorrowLieut. of the third Company.
William AndersonCaptain of the sixth Company.
Jacob CrupaughLieut. of the Do Do
Jacob BaylorLieut. of the seventh Do

Third Regiment.

George Sullingberger .Lieut. of the eighth Company.

Fourth Regiment.

John DelaneyLieut. of the third company
James UnderwoodEnsign of Do Do
George CartCaptain of the second Do
James ScobyEnsign of Do Do
John HannahEnsign of the eighth Do
George WiseLieut. of the fourth Do
John SandersonCaptain of the seventh Do.

George KlineCaptain } of Light Infantry Company (at-
Jacob FrankLieut } tached to the 2^d Batt. of 4th
Peter PattawEnsign } Reg.) called the Carlisle Blues.

The Governor this day issued his Warrant to the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania authorising them to pay to Peter Baynton Esquire State Treasurer the sum of Forty thousand Dollars as the amount of the dividend on the Shares owned by the State in the Capital Stock of the said Bank.

Tuesday July 10th 1798.

A Representation was made to the Governor by John Connelly and Caleb Lownes a Committee of the Board of Inspectors of the Jail, on the inconvenience that will attend the confinement of Prisoners of War, in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia; whereupon the same was referred by the Governor, for the opinion of the Attorney General, and a report thereon.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Philadelphia City Brigade was presented to the Governor, who, thereupon, ordered that Commissions should issue, agreeably to the said Return, and the same were issued accordingly, to the following named persons, vizt:

Third Regiment.

Vincent Ducomb	Lieutenant of the 1 st Company.
John Aitkin	Ensign Do Do.
Timothy Montford	Lieutenant of the 3 rd Do.
Francis Shallus	Ensign of the 4 th Do.

Wednesday July 11th 1798.

The opinion of the Attorney General on the application of Alexander Addison Esquire, for Patents for three town Lots No. 109-110 and 145 in the Town of Beaver; and for nine out Lots No. 21 32 33 35 37 38 40 41 and 123 near the said Town, which was referred to him on the sixth instant, was, this day, received, in the following words, vizt:

"I have considered the case of David Bradford as stated for my opinion.

It appears to me, that David Bradford on making the payments with Interest as compensation for delay is entitled to three Town Lots and nine out lots at the mouth of Beaver Creek.

Whatever inception of Title vested in David Bradford has been transferred to Judge Addison—the manner of the transfer I think regular.

The time being subsequent to the Treason committed by David Bradford, would undoubtedly occasion a forfeiture of his Title, according to general principles of the law of England, what effect may be induced by this circumstance, is for the purchaser to consider, but if he is apprised of the fact I do not consider it as an objection to the grant requested, the Commonwealth not entering into a Warrant on the subject."

July 11th 1798.

Jared Ingersoll.

A J Dallas, Esqr Secy. of the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

The opinion of the Attorney General in the case of Thomas Burrall of the County of Dauphin an Alien, and who obtained a Commission as a Justice of the Peace for the said County on the 28th of March last referred to the Governor for his consideration, on the 19th of June last, was, this day, received, in the following words, vizt:—

I have considered the question, whether a Commission of Justice of the Peace, can be held by an Alien not naturalized?

A discrimination between Citizens and Aliens prevails in all Countries, and is part of the law of Nations

Foreigners have no right to enjoy the municipal privileges of Citizens—what is the proper measure of this disqualification in point of expedience is not for me to say—it has not been declared by any law of the United States— it might perhaps be difficult to trace the precise line.

I can however find no difficulty in saying that an Alien cannot execute any Office concerning the administration of the laws. I am therefore of opinion that a Commission of the Peace, cannot be held by an Alien."

July 11th 1798

Jared Ingersoll.

A. J. Dallas Esqr. Secretary of the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

A Patent was issued to William Jack of Hempfield Township Westmoreland County, for an Island in the River Allegheny situate about half a mile above the mouth of Chartiers Creek, containing seventy four acres of land and allowance of six per Cent. Surveyed the 21st of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and duly accepted and Returned into the Secretarys Office, for the use and benefit of the said William Jack, in right of Wm. Owen in whom the right to the said Island was formerly legally vested, and who by Deed dated the 3^d day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven duly executed granted and

conveyed his right and title to the said William Jack in fee Simple.

Saturday July 14th 1798.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardon and Remission to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, vizt:—

Thomas Russel, convicted of keeping a Tippling house and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County to pay a fine to the Commonwealth of ten pounds, with costs of prosecution &c.

Dinah McGhee, convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County to a Servitude at hard labour for one year, and fined thirty Dollars, with costs &c.

Monday July 16th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to Anthony Muski, upon a recommendation of him for such Licence, and Bond given according to law.

Upon a representation being made to the Governor by the Recorder of the County of Chester, that James Bones who was on the twenty seventh day of March last appointed and commissioned, Coroner of the County of Chester, has declined to accept thereof, and refuses to give the security and take the oaths prescribed by law, the Governor, this day appointed and Commissioned Joshua Weaver to be Coroner of the said County; he being the next on the General Return of Coroners elect for the said County; and thereupon John Hannum and Richard Thomas, Esquires, of the said County were accepted as surties; and the Recorder was instructed to take a Bond from the said Coroner and his sureties in due form of law.

The several fines which were imposed upon Michael Darby and Hannah his Wife, for an Assault and Battery, of which they were severally convicted in the City of Philadelphia were this day remitted by the Governor.

Tuesday July 17th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth,

was granted to Robert Adams, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

A similar licence was granted to Daniel Connor.

The Governor, this day accepted the resignation of George Worrall Esqr. of the Office of Notary Public for the township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Somerset Brigade was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, to the following named Persons, vizt:—

Henry Stall	Colonel of the 1 st Regiment	
John Welmer	Major of the 2 ^d Battalion	
Samuel Clark	Captain	} Volunteer Light Infantry of Somerset, attached to 1 st Regiment & 1 st Battalion
Abraham Morrison	Lieut.	
Thomas McCall	2 ^d Lieut.	
Joh Kimmel	Colonel of the Second Regiment	
Peter Kimmel	Major of the first Battalion	
Jacob Countryman	} Major of the second Battalion Volunteer Light Horse of the first Reg & 2 ^d Batt ⁿ .	
Philip Smith		Captain.
John Shull	first Lieutenant.	
Henry Every	second Lieutenant.	
Isaac Husband	Cornet.	

A Letter was received from Frederick Wolbert, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia accompanied by a Protest against the proceedings of a late election for Major of the first Battalion in the first Regiment of the Militia of the said County. A memorial in support of the said Election being also received and duly considered by the Governor. It was ordered that the Brigade Inspector be instructed to proceed without delay to examine and report the facts alledged in opposition to the election giving full notice to both the parties of the time and place of examination.

Wednesday July 18th 1798.

The Governor, this day accepted the resignation of James Mercer of his Office of Justice of the Peace for the district of the Townships of Strasburgh and Lampeter in the County of Lancaster, and thereupon William Slaymaker was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation

Returns of elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Luzerne and Northampton were presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:—

For Luzerne County.

George Palmer Ransom Major of the Second Battalion of the third Regiment.

Oliver Trowbridge Major of the first Battalion of the fourth Regiment.

Ichabod Buck Captain	}	of the first Company in the fourth Regiment.
Thomas Bates Lieut.		
Sylvanus Hatch Ensign	}	of the second Company in the fourth Regiment.
Joseph Potter Captain		
Elnathan Gregory Ensign		
Abel Kent jun Lieut.		
David Summers Captain	}	of the third Company in the fourth Regiment.
Jotham Pickering Lieut.		
Asap Corbet Ensign	}	of the fourth Company in the fourth Regiment.
Obadiah Carpenter Captain		
Samuel Thatcher Lieut.		
George Follet Ensign		
Jacob Drake junr. Lieut	}	of the fourth Company in the second Regiment.
David Harding Ensign		
Julius Tozer Ensign		of the 3d Compv in the 1st Reg.
Benjamin Dorrance Lieut.	}	of the fourth Company in the third Regiment.
Elias Allen Ensign		

For the County of Northampton.

John Ross Captain	of the 3rd Compv in the 3d Regt.
Henry Snyder Captain	} of the Light Infantry Com-
Christopher Meesill Lieut.	
William White Ensign	

pany attached to the 1st Battalion in the 3d Regiment.

Thursday July 19th 1798.

Returns of elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Brigade of the City of Philadelphia and in the Brigade of the County of Northumberland were presented to the Governor; whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, agreeably thereto vizt:—

For the City of Philadelphia.

Doyle Sweeny Captain	} of the Light Infantry Com-
Joseph Vandering Lieut.	
James McElroy Ensign	

pany attached to the fifth Regiment.

Joseph Simms Captain	}	of the 7th Comp 1st Regiment		
Thomas Hale Lieut.				
Fred. Kessilman jr. Ensign		of the 1s	Do	Do
Tho. Farel Ensign		of the 6th	Do	Do

For Northumberland County.

Sixth Regiment

John Allen Captain	}	of a Rifle Company attached		
James Laird Lieut		to the 2d Battalion.		
Harman Dilldine Ensign				

Friday July 20th 1798.

The Governor this day approved and Commissioned Joseph Philips to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the township of St Clair in the County of Allegheny.

Upon a representation from James Bones of the County of Chester, shewing that there has been either a mistake or deception in the statement lately made to the Governor with respect to his having declined the Office of Coroner and neglected to enter the security required by law—the Governor, this day, determined with the advice of the Attorney General, to consider the Commission issued to Mr. Weaver, on the 10th Instant as subject to his order, the sureties not having been recommended by the Court—The Recorder was therefore instructed to call on Mr. Weaver for the Commission, and to return it 'till the Governor has an opportunity of deciding upon a fair hearing of the parties.

A Report was received, this day, from Frederick Wolbert, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, stating for the information of the Governor, that Basil Wood, the candidate, who had the highest number of votes at the late election for a Major of the first Battalion in the first Regiment of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, had withdrawn his claim to a commission, and that all the parties have agreed to proceed to a new election—It was thereupon ordered by the Governor that the Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, be instructed to hold such election, as soon as may be, and he was instructed accordingly.

Monday July 23d 1798.

A Return of elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, and a return of nomina-

tions with the approbation of the Brigadier General were presented by the Brigade Inspector of the said County to the Governor, whereupon the Governor issued commissions to the Persons in the said Returns, vizt:—

First Regiment.

John Alberger Captain	} of the eighth Company—Nom.
John David Woelper Lieut	
George Snake Ensign	
Tho Mifflin Souder Lieut. of the second Company—elected	

Second Regiment.

Casper Geyer Lieut	} of the fifth Company—elected
Isaac Hunsberger Ensign	

Fourth Regiment.

George Apt Captain of the first Company	} Nomid
John Brown Ensign of the second Company	
Joseph Purple Captain of the fourth Company	} Nomid
Andrew Young Lieut of the second Company	

A Pardon was, this day, granted, by the Governor, to James Bradley, who was convicted of passing counterfeit money, knowing it to be such, and was sentenced to undergo four years servitude at hard labour, and pay a fine of four dollars with costs &c—The said Bradley being recommended for such Pardon by John Smilie Esquire and other respectable Inhabitants of the County of Fayette where the said Bradley was convicted.

Tuesday, July 24th 1798.

Upon a respectable recommendation Samuel Garrigues was appointed and Commissioned to be a Notary Public to reside in the Northern Liberties of the County of Philada in the room of George Worrall resigned.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of John Simpson Esquire, of his Office of Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration—and Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Northumberland; and thereupon appointed and commissioned Jeremiah Simpson Esquire his Son to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said Resignation—The Governor then accepted the honorable Thomas McKean and as sureties for the said Jeremiah Simpsons faithful performance of the duties of the said Offices according to law.

A Dedimus Potestatum was this day issued to the said

Jeremiah Simpson and Jasper Ewing Esquire, Prothonotary of the said County of Northumberland.

A Return of an Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, was presented by the Brigade Inspector, to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the several Gentlemen named therein vizt:—

John Rink Captain	} of the fifth Company in the Artillery Regiment
Jacob H. Miller Cap. Lieut.	
Joseph Werrel 1 st Lieut.	
Thomas Cash 2 ^d Lieut.	

The forfeiture of ten pounds, to the use of the Commonwealth, by William Patton of Franklin County, who became bound by recognizance for the appearance of Alexander Orr at the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Jail delivery of the said County to answer to a charge of an Assault and Battery, this day, remitted in favor of the said William Patton, by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Wednesday, July 25th 1798.

Certain questions having been stated by Frederick Wolbert Brigade Inspector of the County of Philadelphia, the same were referred by the Governor, to the Attorney General of the State for his consideration and opinion, and a letter was accordingly written to him, requesting his report to the Governor as soon as may be.

Thursday, July 26th 1798.

It being represented to the Governor, that the reprieve lately granted by Owen OHara, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, under sentence of death for Murder, expires this day; It was ordered, by the Governor, that a further Reprieve be granted to him until the last Saturday of January 1799: And a Reprieve under the less Seal of the State, and signed by the Governor, was made out and issued accordingly.

Friday July 27th 1798.

Upon a Return made according to law by Lewis Nicholas, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the City of Philadelphia a Commission was issued to Thomas Lieper as Captain of a

fourth Troop of Light Dragoons belonging to the Brigade of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia

A Return of the election of Militia Officers for the Mifflin County Brigade was presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, for the following named Persons, vizt:—

William Elliott—Captain of the Light Infantry Company attached to the fifth Regiment.

Alexander Powers	Captain of the fourth Company	1st Regt.	
Robert Erskin	.... Captain of the eighth Company	—4	Do.
John Millroy	..... Lieut. of the first Company	1st	Do.
Andrew Thompson	Lieut. of the fifth Company	2nd	Do.
Samuel Hammel	... Lieut. of the fourth Company	1st	Do.
John Gillespie	..... Lieut. of the seventh Company	5th	Do.
John Dunlap	..... Ensign of the fourth Company	1st	Do.
John Fleming	..... Ensign of the second Company	1st	Do.
James McCormick	.. Ensign of the first Company	3d	Do.
Richd. Gilleland	... Ensign of the third Company	2d	Do.
Henry Breckbill	... Ensign of the fourth Company	3d	Do.
John Cruse	..... Ensign of the second Company	4th	Do.
Robert Orr	..... Ensign of the third Company	5	Do.
James McClester	... Ensign of the seventh Company	5th Regt.	

Thursday, August 2d 1798.

Upon a Return made accordingly to law of elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, Commissions were issued to the following named Persns, vizt:

John Rice	..... Captain of the 6th Company	4	Regiment
Adam Housalter	... Lieut. of the 7th	Do.	5 Do.
Rudolph Mower	.... Ensign of the 7	Do.	" Do.
William Smith	.... Major of the 1st Battalion	1	Do.
John DePrefontain	Ensign of the 8 Company	5th	Do.

A Return of the election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Chester County Brigade was presented by John Harper Esquire, Brigade Inspector, to the Governor and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

James Bones,	Major of the first Battalion in the 1st Regiment.
Titus Taylor—	Major of the first Battalion in the 3d Regiment.
John Laurence	Captain
Benjamin Davis	Lieut.
	} of the sixth Company in
	} the 4th Regiment.

William Burges Captain	}	of the first Company in the 1 st Regiment.
Owen Evans Lieut.		
Thomas Griffith Ensign		
Ebenezer Kennedy Captain	}	of the second Company in the 5 th Regiment.
John Buchanan Lieut.		
Isaac Walton—Captain of the eighth Company in the 4 th Regiment.		
John Powell, junr Lieut.	}	of the fifth Company in the 6 th Regiment.
Saml. McWilliams Ensign		
John Rattere junr Lieut. of the seventh Company 1 st Regiment.		
John Roberts—Captain	}	of a Light Infantry Com- pany attached to the second Regiment.
Saml. Townsend Lieut.		
Geo. McElheny Ensign		
James Kain Ensign of the third Compv in the 5 th Regiment.		
Robert Miller Captain of	Do.	Do.

Friday August 3^d 1798.

The Governor this day remitted two fines—one of twelve pounds fifteen shillings, imposed upon James Henderson in the County of Mifflin for an Assault and Battery—And the other of thirty Dollars imposed upon Thomas Jones for the like offence in the County of Delaware in compliance with respectable recommendations.

John Way was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the township of Pitt in the County of Allegheny.

Monday, August 6th 1798.

Two fines one of five pounds, imposed upon James Beard in the County of Lycoming in May Sessions 1798 for an Assault and battery; and the other of ten pounds imposed upon Dennis Delany in the City of Philadelphia, at July Sessions of the Mayors Court, in the present year, were this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with respectable recommendations.

A letter was written to Lewis Nicholas Esquire Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the City of Philadelphia, by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, under instructions from the Governor lamenting his ill state of Health, and suggesting that his incompetency to perform the important services of his Office can only be satisfactorily remedied by a resignation of the said Office.

Tuesday, August 7th 1798.

A Pardon was granted to Andrew Steward who was convicted of keeping a Tippling-house, in the City of Philadelphia, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to pay a fine of ten pounds, with costs of prosecution &c

A Return of an Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Delaware, was presented to the Governor; and commissions were thereupon issued to the Gentlemen therein named, as follows, vizt:

John Harden Captain	} of a Light Infantry Com-
Willm Conrow Lieut.	
Joseph Merrihew Ensign	} pany attached to the 2 ^d
John Essary—Lieut.	
Lewis Cornog—Ensign	} Battalion 1 st Regiment.
	} of the sixth Company in
	} the Second Regiment.

Wednesday, August 8th 1798.

The Brigade Inspector of the County of Franklin, made a Return of elections and nominations of Militia Officers, to fill vacancies in the Franklin County Brigade, to the Governor; whereupon commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

Charles Campbell Major of the second Battalion 3^d Regiment.

Samuel Blakeny Captain	} of the first company
John Crookes Lieut.	
Hanse Gordon Ensign	
George McCililand Captain	} of the Light Infantry Com-
James Thomas Lieut.	
Thomas McConnell Ensign	
James Strain Captain	} of the fifth Comp ^y —
John Davis Ensign	
John Gilmor Captain	} of the third Company—
George Hamill Lieut.	
George Heap Ensign	
	} not
	} issued
	} 5 th Regiment.

John Cambridge Ensign of the Grenadiers Comp^y 5th Regiment.

John Nevin Lieut. of the fourth Comp^y—5th Regiment.

Michael Stoner Captain of the fourth Company 2^d Regiment.

James Galbraith—Captain of the third Company 4th Regiment.

Conrad Snyder—Captain	} of the fourth Company
John Snyder—Lieut.	
Benjamin Chambers—Ensign	
	} 4 th Regiment.

Thursday August 9th 1798.

The Governor this day, received a Letter from Lewis Nicholas, Esquire, Brigade Inspector of the City of Philadelphia, containing his resignation of that Office, which the Governor accepted; and thereupon appointed and commissioned Jonathan Harvey Hurst, to fill vacancy occasioned by the said resignation; and _____ were accepted by the Governor as his sureties, and a Bond was accordingly executed.

Friday August 10th 1798.

The fine of forty five Dollars which was imposed upon James Tarrell, by the Mayor's Court, in July Sessions last, upon being convicted of regrating, was, this day, remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Monday, August 13th 1798.

Upon recommendation David Gitling was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district which includes the town of Mifflinsburg, in the County of Northumberland; to wit, The townships of Catawissey and Shamokin.

A Return of an Officer to fill a vacancy in the Office of Ensign of the fourth Company in the fifth Regiment of the Philadelphia Brigade of Militia, was presented to the Governor, and a Commission was thereupon issued to John Helveston as Ensign.

A Pardon was granted to William Hart, convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, to eighteen months imprisonment at hard labour, and to pay a fine of four Dollars with costs of prosecution &c

A Pardon was granted to John Roush, who was convicted of Larceny, in the County of Berks, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the said County to one year's servitude at hard labour, and to pay a fine to the Commonwealth equal in value to the goods stolen.

Tuesday August 14th 1798.

A Return of elections of eight Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the County of Northumberland was presented to

the Governor, and Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, vizt:

John Armstrong Captain	} of a Light Infantry Com-	
Peter Enger—Lieut.		pany attached to the
John Stilwell Ensign		2 ^d Battn 3 ^d Regiment.

David Hunter Major of the second Battalion—3^d Regiment.
Jonathan Walker Major of the second Battalion 4th Regiment.
John Bucher—Lieut. of the seventh Company 4th Regiment.
Jacob Vice Ensign of the seventh Company—4th Regiment.
Elias Bidleman—Lieut. of the second Company—5th Regiment.

Thursday August 16th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Hugh Dever, upon recommendation, in his favor, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Saturday August 18th 1798.

A Return of an Election of Officers of a Rifle Company, attached to the second Battalion of the first Regiment of the Somerset Brigade of Militia was presented to the Governor, and Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, for the following named Persons, vizt:

Daniel Keiser—Captain	} of a Rifle Company at-	
Jacob Herbough—Lieut.		tached to the 2 ^d Battn
John Neff—Ensign		1 st Regiment.

A Return of the election of sundry Militia Officers, in the Delaware County Brigade, was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued agreeably thereto, as follows, vizt:

Jonathan T. Haight .. Ensign	of the fourth Comp ^y 1 st Regt.
Isaac Paterson Ensign	of the fifth Do. Do.
Evan Lewis Lieut.	of the sixth Do. Do.

James Barnard Captain	} of the Second Troop of	
William Boon—1 Lieut.		Light Horse, attached to
Andrew Lindsey 2 ^d Lieut.		the Delaware County
Isaac Culin—Cornet		Brigade.

Saturday August 25th 1798.

The Governor, this day, Directed the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, to detain a certain William

Delasere, (who is now in his custody upon civil process) when that process is released, for the purpose of surrendering him to the Agent of Maryland, agreeably to the requisition of the Executive of that State, upon which a Warrant was heretofore directed to the said Sheriff—and that the Sheriff give the earliest notice of Delasere's being released from the civil process against him.

The Governor of Maryland was then informed of the foregoing instructions having been given to the Sheriff relating to Delasere.

The Governor, this day, wrote a Letter to Josiah Harmer, Esquire, Adjutant General of the Militia of the Commonwealth, containing the out line of a plan for organizing arming and equipping the Pennsylvania Quota of the body of Eighty thousand Militia, which the Act of Congress requires to be held in readiness to march at a moment's warning leaving to his judgement to fill up the outline, so as to produce an immediate and exemplary effect corresponding with military reputation of Pennsylvania, and the present exigencies of our Country, and adding a wish to receive an early communication of the measures that are pursued in the department of the Adjutant General, and of the cooperation which the Governor is confident will be found in the spirit and patriotism of every member of the militia. For the letter at large see letter Book of this date.

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Wednesday, August 29th 1798.

A letter was, this day, received by the Governor from Samuel Sitgreaves, Esquire, notifying the Governor of the resignation of his Seat as a Member of the House of Representatives of the United States for the district of the Counties of Bucks, Northampton and Montgomery in this Commonwealth, in order that writs may be issued for holding new elections in each of the said counties for choosing a Representative for the said District in the room of the said Samuel Sitgreaves.

Thursday, August 30th 1798.

Archibald Henderson was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of the Townships of Sadsbury and Salsbury in the County of Lancaster.

Friday, August 31st 1798.

The Governor taking into consideration the resignation of Samuel Sitgreaves Esquire of his Office as a Representative of this State, in the House of Representatives of the United States for the district composed of the Counties of Bucks, Montgomery and Northampton, which was notified to him on the twenty ninth of this month, this day, ordered that Writs under the less Seal of the State should issue to the Sheriffs of each of the said Counties of Bucks, Northampton and Montgomery commanding them to hold an election in each of the said Counties, on Tuesday the ninth day of October next for choosing a Representative for the said District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the said resignation:— Of which the Sheriffs of the said several Counties of Bucks, Northampton and Montgomery were notified.

A similar writ was issued directed to Jonathan Penrose, Esquire, Sheriff of the City and County of Philada^a commanding him to hold an election in the City of Philadelphia, on the ninth day of October for choosing a Representative for the said District, to fill the vacancy in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, occasioned by the death of John Swanwick Esqr.

Saturday, September 1st 1798.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Philadelphia, was presented to the Governor; whereupon commissions were made out for Persons, named therein as follow, vizt:

Samuel Caster—Ensign of the third Company 5 th Regiment.			
John Ruan—Captain of Light Infantry 1 st Batt ⁿ 5 th Regiment.			
Samuel Paul Lieut. of	Do.	Do.	Do.
Jacob Duffield Junr Ensign of	Do.	Do.	Do.

Monday, September 3^d 1798.

A Letter from the President and Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals to the Governor, communicating an address from the said Board to the Citizens, stating that every expedient has been resorted to, which former experience could dictate or zealous investigation suggest to check the progress of the malignant disease, in the City or meliorate the sufferings of the sick; and that ordinary measures having proved ineffectual, of those of respectability and affluence

to afford pecuniary aid on this important occasion seem indispensably necessary, was this day received—in the following words to wit vizt:

“Health Office 1st September 1798.

“Fellow Citizens

“Impelled by the awful progress, and unparrelled malignity of the prevailing fever, we are constrained to address your feelings, as well as your reason, in order to avert the fatal distruction which with rapid strides is prevading our ill fated City & Suburbs,”

“The best skill of our Physicians and all the powers of medicine it must be acknowledged have proved unequal in the contest with this devouring poison.”

“With the most affecting sympathy and anxious solicitude, we have to the best of our judgements endeavoured to employ, as circumstances appeared to require, the power and the means entrusted to us, in arresting its progress and alleviating its concomitant miseries, we shall continue to employ them with unremitting zeal; but we have neither the power nor the means to accomplish *all the measures* necessary to check its extension, or provide for the pressing exigencies of the moment. The powers delegated and appropriations made by law, to the institutions under our direction are impotent indeed, when compared to the magnitude of the occasion.”

“It remains for our fellow Citizens to attain by their energy the ends which alone can stop its progress and diminish its horrors.”

“We have in conjunction with the Guardians of the Poor, caused tents to be erected on the east Bank of the Schuylkill, for the accomodation of the indigent, where near twelve hundred are already provided for, out of the fund appropriated for the ordinary relief of the Poor. This but a partial mitigation of the evils which environs thousands, who have a claim upon the Philanthrophy of those who are in more fortunate circumstances.”

“The difficulty of procuring a place of refuge at present in the country, is too well known; and the expense attending the removal of a family, has discouraged many from the attempt, who are in circumstances to live comfortably at home.”

“What remains to be done? Citizens of respectability and influence, come forward and form yourselves into a Committee, for the purpose of erecting on the west bank of the

Schuylkill all the tents that can be collected; let the tents be floored with Boards, and made as comfortable as possible. If tents cannot be had, board in abundance may be procured for the erection of Sheds. Admonish those citizens, who have no place of refuge to take shelter their, particularly those from the east part of the City; the district of Southwark, and the Northern Liberties, in short *all* who can leave their homes without manifest injury, except those who are necessary for the protection of the City and Liberties."

"The Committee should have the general superintendence and regulation of the tents, and authority to preserve order, contract for certain supplies of bread, meat, vegetables Wood &c at the lowest possible rates. Those who are not in circumstances to pay must be supplied by public bounty."

"It is at least an unequal perhaps an unjust mode of raising money, by an appeal to the humanity of generous individuals, but if on any occasion it may be justified the present may be assumed without hesitation."

"We call your attention to the actual and undisguised state of our City; consider the mortality and rapid encrease of the sick, at so early a period. View the list of our Physicians and *mark how few are at their posts*; and we believe you will think with us, that the preservation of health is only to be attained by flight."

"Do not flatter yourself, fellow Citizens, that this picture is too highly colored; we speak from a conviction and a knowledge of facts, and doubt not, but the lives of hundreds, perhaps of thousands, may be prevented by the adoption of those or similar measures."

By order of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals.

Attest

Wm Penrose Clerk P.T.

Wm Jones President"

The Governor wrote the following Letter to the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals in answer to their address, vizt:

"Falls of Schuylkill Sep. 2nd 1798.

"Gentlemen

"I have read with the severest grief the address, which the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals propose publicly to make to their Fellow Citizens upon the subject of the calamity that at present afflicts the City and Suburbs of Philada. Of the zeal, humanity and fortitude

which actuate the Board every day produces new instances: and above all the plan contained in your communication of this date for the relief of the indigent benevolent and judicious. In this, and in every act that can alleviate the miseries of the scene before us, be assured Gentlemen, of my most cordial approbation and support."

"It is to be seriously lamented that the propositions for averting the present calamity (from whatever source it may proceed) which were recommended to the attention of the Legislature at the opening of the last Session were not adopted: But I am confident that on every principle of policy justice and Philanthropy, a provision will be gratefully made to defray every expense which shall be incurred and sanctioned by the Board of Managers. I trust too, that a just sense of the true Interest of the State will assure a liberal patriotic and effectual attention to the future health opulence and prosperity of our Capital."

"Should any thing occur to me which will tend in any degree to facilitate your labours, I will promptly and candidly communicate it. And in the mean time, let me intreat you, Gentlemen, to command my services in any way that your observation and experience shall enable you to suggest."

I am with great esteem and respect
To the President and Gentlemen, Your Most Obed. Servant
Board of Managers Thomas Mifflin."
of the Managers of
the Marine and City
Hospitals.

Upon recommendation in favor of Abeizer Miles of the County of Northumberland, the Governor, this day appointed and Commissioned him to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Potters Township in the said County.

A Letter from Samuel M. Fox Esqr President of the Bank of Pennsylvania, dated this day, addressed to the Governor was received, informing the Governor that on the night of Saturday or on the morning of Sunday a Robbery was committed on the said Bank to a Considerable amount and suggesting the propriety of issuing a Proclamation offering a reward of one thousand Dollars for the detection and conviction of the persons concerned in the said Robbery, and a Pardon to any one of the accessaries, who by confession should enable the President and Directors of the said Bank to apprehend the Villains—Where upon the Governor, im-

mediately issued a Proclamation in the following words, to wit:—

Pennsylvania sst:

In the Name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

By Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, it hath been stated to me by the President and Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, That on the night of Saturday the first instant, the House now occupied by the said Bank, commonly called Carpenters Hall was burglariously entered, by some villain or Villains, unknown, and therefrom a considerable number of Bank Notes of various descriptions and denomination were stolen and carried away: To the intent, that the perpetrator or Perpetrators, of so great a crime, and the Accessaries thereto, may be discovered and brought to condign punishment, I have deemed it expedient to issue this Proclamation, hereby offering and promising a *Reward of one thousand Dollars*, to any person or persons who shall discover the Perpetrator or Perpetrators of the said Crime, or any of them, or any accessory thereto, before or after the fact, to be paid on the conviction of all or any of the Offenders: And I do hereby further offer and promise a free and entire Pardon unto any one of the Perpetrators or Accessaries aforesaid, in the Commission of the said crime, who shall make a full and satisfactory disclosure of all the circumstances relative to the contriving and accomplishing the same, and of the names and places of abode of his or her Associates, so that such Associates may be apprehended and convicted: And all the Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables, and other public Officers of this Commonwealth (according to the duties of their respective stations) are hereby required and enjoined to use all lawful means to detect and bring to Justice each and every person concerned in contriving or perpetrating the crime aforesaid.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Germantown, the third day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight and of the Commonwealth the twenty third.

By the Governor:

Thomas Mifflin

A. J. Dallas Secy.

of the Commonwealth.

Agreeably to certain proposals made to the Governor by John Miles of the Township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia, Gun Maker, for manufacturing and supplying the State with two thousand stands of arms for public use; a contract was this day concluded between the Governor, in behalf of the Commonwealth and the said John Miles—as follows, vizt:

Articles of Agreement, made and entered into on the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight. Between Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of the said Commonwealth of the one part, and John Miles of the Township of Northern Liberties, in the County of Philadelphia, in the said Commonwealth Gun Maker of the other part: Whereas, the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, did in and by an Act entitled “An Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth,” passed the twenty eighth day of March 1797 authorise and empower the Governor to procure by purchase as speedily as may be ten thousand stands of arms to be made or manufactured, within the United States of a size and quality best adapted for field service to be of the fashion or pattern of the French Charleville Musquet and of the dimensions following, to wit:—The length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches, and to receive a ball of the size of eighteen to the pound; each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use for the proof on those made for the service of the United States and to be stamped or marked with the letters C. P. The locks to be upon the best construction double bridled on a flat plate and marked with the letters afore-said; the mounting Iron with bands and swivels and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered steel; the bayonets to be fifteen inches in the blade well tempered and polished; the stocks to be made of well seasoned walnut; the length of the butt of the Musquet to be fifteen and an half inches from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate; the side pins, the breech pins and trigger to be case hardened; the weight of the musket and Bayonet thus compleated not to exceed eleven pounds: And Whereas, the said John Miles has made proposals for manufacturing two thousand stands of the said Arms before mentioned, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature, which proposals the said Thomas Mifflin deems it for the interest of the Commonwealth to accept.

Now these Articles Witness, that for the consideration here-

in after mentioned he the said John Miles hath and by these presents doth agree undertake and contract to and with the said Thomas Mifflin, and his Successors Governor's of the said Commonwealth, in manner and form following, to wit:— That the said John Miles shall well and truly manufacture and furnish two thousand stands of the said Arms, agreeably to the pattern deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and in all respects conformably to the description herein before recited, to be inspected by a person to be appointed by the Governor; that he shall and will deliver the said Arms in the City of Philadelphia, at his own risque cost and charge within two years from the date of this contract, as follows, vizt:—

Six hundred stands part thereof within one year, and one thousand four hundred stands, the remainder of said Arms within two years: That the said Arms shall be of good quality and workmanship, at least equal to the standard pattern aforesaid; and that he shall and will cause the said Arms to be stamped on the barrels and locks as the said act prescribes and also the stocks to be branded with the word Pennsylvania, in small Roman capitals. And the said John Miles for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, that he will well and truly execute and perform all and singular the agreements undertakings and contracts aforesaid. And the said Thomas Mifflin on behalf of the said Commonwealth, in consideration of the agreements undertakings and contracts herein before specified covenants promises and agrees to and with the said John Miles, that on the delivery of the said Arms agreeably to Contracts, he the said John Miles shall have and receive at the rate of thirteen Dollars and one third of a Dollar for each stand that shall be found to be complete, agreeably to the standard pattern and the description herein before recited; that the said arms shall be proved at the expense of the State at the place of making them by a person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose, that the expense of portorage and boxing the said Arms, shall be paid by the State, that at the execution of this Contract, the said John Miles shall have and receive the sum of six hundred Dollars on loan, which shall be repaid to the Commonwealth by a deduction of one Dollar from the price of each stand of the first six hundred stands of the said arms, that are to be delivered under this contract, so that twelve Dollars and one third of a Dollar, shall be

paid to the said John Miles for each stand, from time to time, until the whole number of six hundred stands shall be delivered; and that on the delivery of every further number, not less than twenty, at any one time, the said John Miles shall receive payment therefor at the time of delivery, until the delivery of the whole of the remaining number of one thousand four hundred stands shall be completed. In Witness whereof the parties to these presents have set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Sealed & delivered

in the presence of

James Trimble

Joshua Tyson.

Thomas Mifflin

Jno. Miles

[Seal]

[Seal]

This Indenture made the third day of September, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight Between John Miles of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania Gunsmith of the one part; and his Excellency Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the said Commonwealth, of the other part. Whereas, the said John Miles hath by a certain contract made the said third day of September with the said Governor of the said Commonwealth, covenants and engaged to manufacture and deliver for the use of the said Commonwealth two thousand stands of arms conformably to the Pattern directed and described by an Act of the General Assembly of the said Commonwealth, passed the twenty eighth day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, entitled "An Act to provide Arms for the use of the Commonwealth:" And Whereas, the said John Miles hath been furnished in advance to enable him the better to execute the said contract, with the sum of six hundred Dollars, by Warrant of the said Governor, on the Treasurer of the said Commonwealth, bearing date the day of Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that the said John Miles as well in order fully to secure the performance of the said Contract and delivery of the arms thereby covenanted and contracted to be made, according to the terms and at the times mentioned in the said Contract, as in consideration of one dollar to him paid by the said Thomas Mifflin at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell release and convey unto the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successors in the said Office All that lot or piece of ground and Frame dwelling

house, and out houses thereon erected situate on the west side of North second Street in the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia containing in front twenty feet and in length or depth fifty feet, more or less; which was granted by Anthony Hubbert subject to a yearly ground Rent of ten pounds per ann. Together with all and singular the Appurtenances and all the Estate Right, Title, Property, Interest claim and Demand of him the said John Miles of in to and out of the same or any part thereof. To have and to hold, the said Lot or piece of ground Hereditaments and Premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be with the Appurtenances unto the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successors in the said Office, for the use and benefit of the said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania forever. Provided always nevertheless, that if the said John Miles his heirs executors administrators or assigns shall and do well and faithfully in all things do execute and perform the said Contract for the manufacturing and delivery of the said arms according to the intent and meaning thereof and shall and do faithfully deliver the said arms as will to the amount of the said sum of six hundred Dollars advanced him by Warrant on the Treasurer of this Commonwealth as aforesaid, as to the full number mentioned in the said Contract that then and in such case this present Indenture shall be void and of no effect, any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

In Witness whereof the said Parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed & delivered
in the presence of us
James Trimble
Joshua Tyson

Jno. Miles

[Seal]

Pennsylvania sst

Know all men by these presents That I John Miles of the township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia and Commonwealth aforesaid am held and firmly bound unto Alexander James Dallas Secretary of the said Commonwealth for the use of the said Commonwealth in the sum of twenty thousand Pounds to be paid to the said Alexander James Dallas or to his successor in the said Office: To the which payment, well and truly to be made I bind myself, for and in the whole, my heirs executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my Seal

dated the third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Whereas, the said John Miles hath this day entered into a Contract with the Governor for supplying two thousand stands of Arms for the use of the Commonwealth to be manufactured within this Commonwealth, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General Assembly passed the twenty eighth of March 1797, entitled "An Act provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth"

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Miles shall and does in all things well and truly execute and perform the said contract, according to the terms, stipulations, and conditions thereof; then the above obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered }
in the presence of }
James Trimble }
Joshua Tyson }

Jno. Miles

[Seal]

Saturday, September 8th 1798.

The Governor this day accepted the resignation of James Ash, Esquire, of his Office of Alderman of the City of Philadelphia, and upon the representation and request of the Board of Managers of the Marine and City Hospitals, the Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Philip Syng Physick to be an Alderman of the City of Philadelphia, to reside at the City Hospital.

Monday, September 10th 1798.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned Doctor James Hall a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Townships of Kingsessing and Blockley, in the County of Philadelphia, in the room of Doctor James Mease resigned.

Tuesday, September 11th 1798.

Heath Norberry was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Townships of Blockley and Kingsessing, in the County of Philadelphia in compliance with a recommendation from Doctor James Hall Resident Physician at State Island Hospital, and others, respectable Inhabitants of the said District.

A Return of an Election of a number of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Northampton was presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued agreeably to the said Return, to the following named persons, vizt:

First Regiment.

Adam Loeb—Major.

George Acker—Captain of the third Company.

Henry Hunsicker—Captain

Michael Wehr—Lieut.

George Rex junr—Ensign

} of the eighth Company.

Third Regiment.

Abraham Horn—Captain

Thomas Seeburn—Lieut.

Barnabas Davis—Ensign

} of the first Company.

Fifth Regiment.

John Snyder—Major.

John Woolfinger—Ensign of the second Company.

Peter Woolverton—Ensign of the sixth Company.

Frederick Everhard—Captain

Cornelius Seebring—Lieut.

Leonard Teel—Ensign

} of the seventh Company.

Seventh Regiment.

George Rhoads—Captain

Jacob Spinner—Lieut.

Mathias Swenck—Ensign

} of the Light Infantry
Compv.

Jacob Bishop—Lieut.

James Seagraves—Ensign

} of the seventh Company.

Frederick Keck—Lieut. of the eighth Company.

Eighth Regiment.

William McFarren junr—Lieutenant Colonel.

John Hilyard—Major of the second Battalion.

John Bowman—Captain

John Ayre—Lieut.

} of the third Company.

Elijah Crawford—Captain

Peter Jacoby—Lieut.

Samuel Rothrock—Ensign

} of the fourth Company.

George Hahn—Lieut.

Jacob Soaper—Ensign

} of the sixth Company.

Matthias Weiss—Lieut.

Conrad Keyser—Ensign

} of the seventh Company.

Joseph Bowman—Captain	}	of the Light Infantry Compy.
Moses McElhenny—Lieut.		
Samuel Neilson—Ensign		
David Saylor first Lieut. of the first Troop of Lt. Dragoons.		
John Hutchinson—Captain	}	of the second Troop of Lt. Dragoons
Wm Loder—first Lieut.		
Peter Middagh—second Lieut.		
Jephtha Arrison—Cornet		

Fourth Regiment.

Peter Sholl—Captain	}	of the first Company.
Jos. Dreisbach—Lieut.		
Jacob Miller—Ensign		
William Hall—Lieutenant of the fourth Company.		

Thursday, September 13th 1798.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Northumberland, was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

First Regiment.

George Clark Senr	Captain	}	of a Rifle compy attached to 1 st Batt ⁿ .
Samuel Dale Junr	Lieut.		
William Forster	Ensign		
John Dreisbach	Captain	}	of a Rifle compy attached to 2 ^d Batt ⁿ .
James Forster	Lieut.		
Daniel Clark	Ensign		

Third Regiment.

James Murry	Lieut.	}	of a Rifle Compy attached to 1 st Batt ⁿ .
James McAfee	Ensign		
William Walker	Captain	}	of the first Company.
Thomas Murray sen.	Lieut.		
James Cochran	Ensign		
Wm Davidson junr	Ensign of the second Company.		
Michael Fisher	Ensign of the fourth Company.		
David Montgomery	Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
John Stahl junr	Lieut.		
James Miller	Ensign		
Josiah McClure	Captain	}	of the Rifle Company at- tached to first Battalion of the fifth Regiment.
Samuel Gordon	Lieut.		
Benjamin Drake	Ensign		
John Heidenrick	Lieut. of the fourth Company, fifth Regiment.		
George Eley junr	Ensign of the sixth Company seventh Regiment.		

Saturday, September 15th 1798.

A certain John DeLacey made a representation of the appearances of disorder riot and outrage in the City and its Suburbs, but as the Governor was desirous that the information should proceed from the Magistracy. The Secretary of the Commonwealth by his direction wrote letters to the Mayor, John Jennings, and Robert Wharton Esqr Aldermen, of the City of Philadelphia; William Jones President of the Board of Managers, of the Marine and City Hospitals, and to John Inskip and others superintending the Encampment of Citizens on Masters Ground and elsewhere near the City.

Tuesday, September 18th 1798.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Jacob Pyle, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Chester County in August 1798 for Fornication and bastardy was this day remitted by the Governor.

Saturday, September 22nd 1798.

William Graydon was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Borough of Harrisburgh in the County of Dauphin in the room of Alexander Berryhill decd.

A Return of Officers elected to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Montgomery, was this day presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were made out for the persons therein named, vizt:

Second Regiment.

Matthias Richard	.....Major of the second Battalion.
Israel Ortlip	.....Captain of the first Company.
Andrew Boyer	.....Captain of the second Company.
William Boyer	.....Lieut. of the second Company.
Nicholas Hering	.....Ensign of the second Company.
Peter Hanley	.....Lieut. of the fifth Company.
George Moore	.....Captain of the sixth Company.
Conrad Dotterer	.....Lieut. of the sixth Company.
George Woodly	.....Ensign of the sixth Company.
Barnebas Dotterer	.....Captain of the third Company.
Abraham Sechler	.....Lieut. of the third Company.
Abraham Zern	.....Ensign of the third Company.
James Evans	.....Captain of the seventh Company.
Jacob Keely	.....Lieut. of the seventh Company.
John Benjamin	.....Ensign of the seventh Company.

Samuel Feather—Captain	}	of a Light Infantry Com-
Ludwick Linsenberler—Lieut.		pany attached to the
Henry Smith—Ensign	}	second Regiment.
Robert McClintock—Captain		of a Light Infantry Com-
George Leap—Lieut.	}	pany attached to the
James McClintock—Ensign		second Regiment.
James Morgan—Captain of the first Compy in the 1 st Regiment.		

Third Regiment.

Samuel Hines—Lieutenant Colonel.		
Jacob Surver—Major of the first Battalion.		
Daniel Sawn—Captain	}	
Joseph Moyers—Lieut.		of the third Company.
Casper Buskirk—Ensign	}	
Thomas Humphrey—Captain		
Jacob Hines—Lieut.		of a Light Inftry Compy
Gilbert Dance—Ensign		attached to s ^d Reg.

Fourth Regiment.

Joseph Armstrong—Major of the second Battalion.
 Hugh Long—Captain of the seventh Company.
 Joseph Peterman—Ensign of the seventh Company.

Upon application and respectable recommendation Joseph Leacock was appointed, by the Governor to the care of the State House Clock, in the room of Isaac Price deceased.

Wednesday, September 26th 1798.

The case of James Pearson being under consideration, by the Governor, it was ordered, that a Warrant for the sum of five hundred Dollars should issue in favor of the said James Pearson, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of General Assembly of the fifth day of April 1797 towards compensating him for his services rendered in making out a draft of City Lots, and for ascertaining which of them remain the property of the State; and also for filing the said draft and papers relating thereto in the Office of the Surveyor General of the Commonwealth, and the said warrant was issued accordingly.

Thursday September 27th 1798.

A Return of an election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the County of Montgomery was, this day,

presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were made out for the following named Persons vizt:

Cornelius Clawson	Captain	} of the sixth Company 1st Regiment.
John Tennis	Lieut.	
John Newberry	Ensign	
John Hobensack	Captain	} of the eighth Company 3d Regiment.
Jonathan Thomas	Lieut.	
James Street	Ensign	

The fines which were imposed upon Robert Cunningham and William Gilleland by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Chester, upon their being severally convicted of Assault and Battery, were this day remitted, by the Governor in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Friday, September 28th 1798.

A Return of the election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Northampton County Brigade, was this day, presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions issued to the following named persons, vizt:

Moses Davis Lieutenant of the third Comp^y in the 3d Regiment.

Thomas McBurney	Captain	} of the fourth Company 3d Regiment.
William Funston	Lieut.	
Daniel Kreider	Ensign	

Agreeably to the directions of an Act of General Assembly entitled "An Act for erecting part of the County of Northampton into a seperate County," passed the 21st day of March last; and in compliance with a respectable recommendation, the Governor this day appointed and commissioned George Palmer, James Hollinshead and Nicholas Neleigh all of the County of Northampton to be the Commissioners for running and ascertaining the boundary line between the Counties of Northampton and Wayne, according to the courses and distances in the said Act set forth and described.

Saturday, September 29th 1798.

Upon a Return being made according to law of elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the Philadelphia County Brigade, Commissions were made out for the following named persons, vizt:

William Leshar Captain	}	of the first Troop of Horse.
James Renshaw 1 st Lieut.		
John M. Saul 2 ^d Lieut.		
Jacob Holgate Captain	}	of the first Compy 2 ^d Regiment.
Wickard Jacoby Ensign		

Information was this day received by the Governor from William Laurence Blair of an Escheat to the Commonwealth, happening by the death of John Parr, late of the City of Philadelphia, who was in his life time siezed and possessed of real and personal Estate—which information being in writing was filed, and a copy sent to the Escheator General.

Monday, October 1st 1798.

The fine of one hundred Dollars which was imposed upon John Israel, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Washington, for an Assault and Battery, committed on John Simonson, was this day remitted in compliance with a recommendation from Judge Taylor and sundry respectable Inhabitants of the said County.

Tuesday, October 2nd 1798.

A Commission was issued to Robert Falkner as Lieutenant Colonel of the second Regiment of the Luzerne County Brigade, in the room of John Jenkins, upon a Return of an Escheat held according to law.

Friday October 12th 1798.

Upon a respectable and general recommendation in favor of Isaac Eyre for the Office of Justice of the Peace in the room of Elisha Price deceased—the Governor this day appointed and commissioned him to fill the said vacancy.

A Return of a General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, held in the County of Delaware on the ninth instant was presented to the Governor; whereupon John Odenheimer junr. was duly appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff and James Birchall Coroner of the said County of Delaware.—The Governor then accepted John Odenheimer senr. and James Bernard of Delaware as sureties for the said Sheriff; and Jonas Eyre and Aaron Cobourne of the said County as sureties for the said Coroner; and Instructions were issued to the Recorder of the County of Delaware.

Upon a Return being made by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Montgomery of elections of sundry Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia, Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

John McCrea Captain of the fifth Company 4th Regiment.

Isaac Cook Captain of the sixth Company Ditto

George Pepher Lieut. of Do Ditto

John Jacoby Ensign of Do Ditto

Frederick Heebner Captain } of a Light Infy Company at-
Jacob Sheth Lieut } tached 2d Regiment.

Francis Swaine Captain }
James Beane Lieut. } of a Light Infy Compv attached
Samuel Daniel Ensign } 1st Reg.

A Commission was issued to John Adair as Ensign of the fourth Company of the second Regiment of the Bucks County Brigade:—he having been nominated as such by the Brigade Inspector with the approbation of the Brigadier General.

Saturday, October 13th 1798.

The resignation of William Worthington of his Office, of Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Townships of Easton Willistown and Goshen, in the County of Chester was this day accepted by the Governor.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs, held on the 9th instant, was this day presented to the Governor; whereupon William Worthington, was duly appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Chester, he having had the highest number of votes for that Office. The Governor then accepted Isaac Worthington and Edward Hicks as sureties for the faithful discharge of all the duties of the Office of Sheriff of the County of Chester, by the said William Worthington according to law—the said sureties having been approved by two Judges of the Court of Common Pleas—The Commission being inclosed to the Recorder of the County, ne was instructed to take the security which is required by law.

Monday October 15th 1798.

James Clemson was this day appointed and commissioned by the Governor, to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Townships of Sadsbury and Salisbury in the County of Lancaster in the room of Daniel Buckley, Esquire,

elected a Member of the General Assembly for the County of Lancaster.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs held on the ninth instant, in the County of Montgomery, being presented to the Governor, John Markley the candidate highest in vote, was, this day, appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Montgomery; and upon a certificate from two Judges of the Common Pleas, the Governor accepted Alexander Crawford and William Shepherd as sureties of the said Sheriff, for the faithful performance of the duties of his Office according to law.

Tuesday October 16th 1798.

A Return of the General election of Sheriffs held in the County of York on the ninth instant, being presented to the Governor, Nicholas Gelwicks the highest candidate was appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of York; and John Wampler, Frederick Gelwicks and John Kinkle, were accepted by the Governor as sureties, upon a certificate of approbation by two Judges of the Court of Common Pleas—The Recorder was instructed to take the security required by law.

The Select and Common Council of the City of Philadelphia having this day elected Robert Wharton Esquire Mayor of the City, the Governor administered to him the usual affirmation of Office; and also to the members of the select and Common Council vizt:—To support the Constitution of the United States and of this Commonwealth, and to execute and perform their several and respective Offices with fidelity and according to law.

Wednesday, October 17th 1798.

John Clement Stocker having been elected a Member of the State Legislature for the City of Philadelphia, this day resigned his Office of Alderman of the City of Philadelphia which resignation the Governor accepted.

Upon a Return from the Brigade Inspector of an election held according to law, Adam Heikman was commissioned to be a second Lieutenant of the first Troop of Light Dragoons in the County of Northampton.

Thursday, October 18th 1798.

Returns of General Elections of Sheriffs in the County of Cumberland, and of Sheriffs and Coroners in the County of Luzerne were received; whereupon the Governor appointed and commissioned John Carothers Sheriff of the County of Cumberland; and Arnold Colt Sheriff and Abel Zarington Coroner of the County of Luzerne. The following Gentlemen were accepted as sureties, their sufficiency being duly certified by the Judges of the respective Courts of Common Pleas of the said Counties of Cumberland and Luzerne. For the Sheriff of the County of Cumberland, Benjamin Junkin, John Walker James Bell and Archibald Loudon.—For the Sheriff of the County of Luzerne Thomas Wright, Putham Catlin and Lord Butler, Esquires. For the Coroner of the said County Luzerne.

The resignation of Arnold Colt (now appointed Sheriff of the County of Luzerne) of the Office of Justice of the Peace for the District of Wilkesbarre, was this day accepted by the Governor; and thereupon Joseph Wright was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace to fill the said vacancy.

The resignation of Solomon Avery as a Justice of the Peace in the same District was accepted by the Governor at the same time.

Saturday, October 20th 1798.

David Bainbridge was commissioned to be an Ensign of the sixth Company in the second Regiment of the Philada. County Brigade of Militia, upon a Return being made according to law, by the Brigade Inspector of that Brigade.

Upon the Return of the election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Cumberland County Brigade, Commissions were issued to the following Persons, vizt:

Third Regiment.

John Ewalt	Major of the first Battalion
John Sterret	Major of the second Battalion
James Smith	Lieut. of a Rifle Company.

Fourth Regiment

John Smith	Lieut. of the second company
James Hutton	Captain of the eighth company
Isaac Williams	Lieut. of Do
John Shade	Ensign of Do

Fifth Regiment.

Adam Brown	Lieut. of the second Company
George McKeen	Captain of the eighth Company
Enoch Abraham	Ensign of the third Company.

Sixth Regiment.

James Bell Captain	} of the fifth Company.
George Trimble Lieut.	
John Shippen Captain	} of the second Troop of Light Horse attached to Brigade.
Saml. Crowel 1 st Lieut.	
David Jamison 2 ^d Lieut.	

A Return of Militia Officers for the Wayne County Brigade was presented to the Governor; and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

John H. Schenck Lieutenant Colonel of the first Regiment.
 Ephraim Killam Major of the first Battalion of 1st Regiment.
 Samuel Stanton Major of the second Battalion of 1st Regiment
 William Smith Major of the first Battalion of 2^d Regiment.
 Anthony Van Etten Major of the second Battalion of 2^d Regiment.

William Chapman Captain	} of the first company of 1 st Regiment.
Ebenezer Woodward Lieut.	
Stephen Bennet Ensign	
Jesse Drake Captain	} of the second company 1 st Regiment.
George Leggit Lieut.	
Oliver Calker Ensign	
Silas Woodward Captain	} of the third company 1 st Regiment.
John Woodward Lieut.	
Thomas Spangenberg Ensign	
John Tiffany Captain	} of the fourth company 1 st Regiment.
Joseph Turner Lieut	
Joseph Steares Ensign	
Ephraim Kimble Captain	} of the fifth company 1 st Regiment.
Samuel L. Roberts Lieut.	
Joseph Halbert Ensign	
Wm. Purdy Captain	} of the sixth Company 1 st Regiment.
David Abbott Lieut	
Nathan Wright Ensign	
Edward Doyl Captain	} of the seventh company 1 st Regiment.
Gilbert Walsworth Lieut.	
John Knight Ensign	
Asa Stanton Captain	} of the eighth company 1 st Regiment.
Ephraim Vanorman Lieut	
Chester Kimbal Ensign	

Second Regiment.

Jonah Turner Captain	}	of the first company.
James Stringer Lieut.		
Christian Eylenberger Ensign		
Solomon Westbrook Captain	}	of the second company
Daniel W. Dingman Lieut		
Simeon Van Etten Ensign		
Benjamin Strick Captain	}	of the fifth company.
Jacob Custard Lieut		
Abraham Westhall Ensign		
John Carson Captain	}	of the fourth company.
David Jayne Lieut.		
William Jayne Ensign		
George Buchanan Captain	}	of the third company
Ell Fuller Lieut		
Ira Newman Ensign		
Jacob Quick Captain	}	of the sixth Company.
Abraham Winfield Lieut		
George Westfall Ensign		
Manuel Brink Captain	}	of the seventh company
John M Sloan Lieut		
Silas Taylor Ensign		
Israel Johnston Captain	}	of the Troop of Light
Francis Alexander Smith 1 st Lieut.		Dragoons attached to
Ira Fuller 2 ^d Lieut		Wayne County Brigade
James Eldred Cornet		of Penna Militia

Upon a Return of the election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Mifflin County Troop of Light Horse, being presented to the Governor, Commissions, were ordered to issue to the following named Gentlemen vizt:

James Steel first Lieutenant
Francis Boggs Cornet

Monday October 22nd 1798.

A Return of the General Election of Coroners held on the ninth Instant in the County of Wayne, being presented to the Governor, William Smith who had the highest number of votes for that office, was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Coroner of the said County of Wayne—; and thereupon John Smith and William Nyce were accepted as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office according to law—from whom the Recorder of the said

County was instructed to take the security which the law requires.

Adam Heckman was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the First Troop of Light Dragoons, attached to the Northampton County Brigade.

Upon a Return of the election of Officers of a Volunteer company of Artillery, attached to the Mifflin County Brigade, being presented to the Governor, Commissions were ordered to issue to the following named persons, vizt:

Malcolm Andrew Captain

Hugh Alexander Lieutenant

John Sweany Ensign

Wednesday, October 24th 1798.

Returns of Sheriffs and Coroners elected in the Counties of Mifflin and Lycoming on the 9th instant, was presented to the Governor; whereupon William Elliott was appointed and commissioned Sheriff, and John C. Ramsey Coroner of the County of Mifflin, and John Cummings Sheriff and Henry Dougherty Coroner of the County of Lycoming. The following Gentlemen were accepted by the Governor as sureties for the Officers before appointed, their sufficiency being certified by the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas of the respective Counties of Mifflin and Lycoming.

For William Elliott Sheriff of Mifflin County Thomas Turbutt and George Wilson.

For John Ramsey Coroner of the said County Ezra Doty and Wm. Harris.

For John Cummings Sheriff of Lycoming County John Sutton, Thomas Mahaffy, Rowland Hall and William Wilson.

For Henry Dougherty Coroner of the said County Jacob Latcha, Samuel Torbutt, and John Carothers.

Upon the Return of the election of Militia Officers, in the Northampton County Brigade, being presented to the Governor, Commissions were ordered to issue for the following named Persons vizt:

Christian Kisselback Ensign of the third compy. third Regiment.

Lanty Shannon Captain	} of the first Company Eighth Regiment.
Thomas Lockart Lieut.	
Elisha Everett Ensign	

Thomas Moore Ensign of the second company Do

Henry Labar Ensign of the third company Do

Benjamin Depul Ensign of the fourth company Do

George Happle Lieut.	}	of the fifth company Eighth Regiment.
John Rhodes Ensign		
Michael Huffman Captain of the seventh company		Do.
John Huffman Lieut. of		Do
Matthias Frutchy Ensign of		Do
Adam Teel Captain	}	of the eighth company Do.
Robert Miller Lieut.		
Philip Kester Ensign		

Thursday October 25th 1798.

Information was given to the Governor by Henry Brosius of the Township of Abington in the County of Montgomery that an escheat to the Commonwealth has happened, by the death of a certain George Ultz or Utts, late of the said County, intestate, without heirs or known kindred, possessed of certain Donation Lands.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned Jacob Morgan, Frederick Wolbert, George Budd and Samuel Wheeler Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia.

A Return of the General election of Sheriffs held on the 9th instant, in and for the County of Bedford, was presented to the Governor; whereupon Henry Wertz junior was appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the said County of Bedford—and Henry Wertz senr and Martin Reilley were accepted as sureties. The Commission was then forwarded to the Recorder of the County, with instructions to take the security required by law.

Friday, October 26th 1798.

The Return of the General election of Sheriffs, held on the ninth instant in the County of Westmoreland, was presented to the Governor; whereupon John Kuhns was appointed and commissioned Sheriff of the County of Westmoreland; and David Marchand, Benjamin Lodge and John Brobst accepted as sureties, their sufficiency and competency as such being first certified to the Governor by two Judges of the Court of Common Pleas—The Commission was forwarded to the Recorder of the County, with instructions to take the security which is required by Law.

Saturday, October 29th 1798.

The fine imposed upon William Robinson junr. by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, for Fornication and Bastardy was this day remitted, by the Governor.

Monday, October 29th 1798.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs held in the County of Allegheny, on the ninth Instant, by which it appeared, that Ephraim Jones and Joseph R. Postlewaite were elected—the said Ephraim Jones having 684 votes returned in writing and 233 in figures only, and the said Joseph R. Postlethwaite having 808 votes returned in writing and sixty four votes in figures only—was presented to the Governor,—whereupon the Governor appointed and commissioned Ephraim Jones to be Sheriff of the County of Allegheny; and accepted Presly Neville and Abraham Kirkpatrick Esquires as sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said office according to law.

Wednesday, November 7th 1798.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Daniel Stroud Esquire to be Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas; Clerk of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Jail Delivery; Clerk of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, holden by the Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Northampton in the room and stead of William Craig Esqr. lately deceased; and the Governor at the same time accepted Henry Drinker and Abraham Shoemaker of the City of Philadelphia as his sureties from whom a Bond was taken in due form—The Commissions for the several Offices aforesaid were transmitted to the Recorder with instructions to Record the same, and administer to Mr. Stroud the usual oaths of Office.

The Return of a General election of Sheriffs in the County of Wayne, held on the ninth day of last month, with a number of papers accompanying the same, relatively to the controversy subsisting between the candidates for that Office, vizt: Abraham Mulford, and Richard Brodhead, being fully considered by the Governor; it was ordered that a Commission should issue to Richard Brodhead the person lowest on the Return, it appearing to the Governor, that a number of

persons had voted for Abraham Mulford, who were not entitled to vote, by reason of their not having been assessed for County tax, and consequently did not pay such tax, so as to give the said Richard Brodhead a legal Majority of votes. —The Governor accepted John Vanetten senr. and Solomon Westbrooke as sureties, for the said Richard Brodhead's faithful discharge of the duties of his said Office of Sheriff according to law.

Thursday November 8th 1798.

Upon a Return of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Northumberland County Brigade, Commissions were issued to the following named, Persons, vizt:

Fifth Regiment

Daniel McHenry Major of the first Battalion

Isalah Willets Captain	} of a Rifle company attached to the second Battalion of said Regiment.
Stacey Margeram Lieut.	
James Brooks Ensign	

Enoch Rutter Ensign of the first company Sixth Regiment.

George Borrell Lieut. of the fourth company Seventh Reg.

Andrew Sweinhart Ensign of the fourth company Seventh Regt.

George Hall Ensign of the seventh company seventh Reg.

Adam Harbor Lieutenant Colonel of the Eighth Regiment

James Duncan Major of the first Battalion Eighth Regiment.

Monday November 12th 1798.

Upon a respectable recommendation Henry Roosen was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the townships of Norristown Worcester and Whitpaine in the County of Montgomery.

The fine of twenty Dollars which was imposed upon Thomas Flanagan, in the County of Lancaster for an Assault and Battery was, this day, remitted by the Governor and a Pardon of the said Offence granted.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the second Washington County Brigade was received, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

Charles Swon Lieutenant Colonel of the first Regiment

Daniel Wilford Major of the second Battalion

William Jamison Captain	}	of the first company first
John Flenikin Lieut		Regiment.
David Vance Captain	}	of a Rifle Company attached
Nicholas Debolt Lieut.		to the second Battalion of the
John Guston Ensign		first Regiment
Andrew Lantz Captain of the fourth Company first Regiment.		
Richd. Kerwood Ensign of the first company first Regiment.		
Henry Miller Ensign of the eighth Company first Regiment.		
John Hughes Captain	}	of the third company
James Lindsey Lieut		second Regiment.
Daniel Moredock Ensign		
Jesse Bumgardner Lieut. of the second company second Regiment.		
John Brown Lieut. of the fifth company second Regiment.		
Abraham Lock Ensign of the first company second Regiment.		

Wednesday November 14th 1798.

Ludwick Sharp was appointed and commissioned second Lieutenant, of Captain Coys Company of Riflemen attached to the first Regiment of the Brigade of the City of Philadelphia Militia, upon the return of an election held according to law.

Thursday November 15th 1798.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Daniel Stroud of his Office of Brigade Inspector of the Militia of the County of Wayne, and thereupon appointed and commissioned Hugh Ross to be the Brigade Inspector of the said county in the room and stead of the said Daniel Stroud. A Bond was then duly executed by the said Hugh Ross and his sureties Thomas Ross Attorney at law, and John Davis Merchant of Philadelphia, who were accepted as such by the Governor.

A Return of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Northumberland County Brigade, was presented to the Governor whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons vizt:

Thomas Price Lieutenant Colonel of the second Regiment.
Jacob Troy Major of the second Battalion second Regiment.

Thursday, November 22nd 1798.

Licenced to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, within this Commonwealth, for one year from

the twenty first instant, were this day granted to Moses Cowen and Edward McLaughlin, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bonds for good behaviour being given according to law.

Information was, this day, given to the Governor by Mary Brown of an Escheat to the Commonwealth of sundry personal Estate, happening by the death of William Knowles late of the County of Philadelphia, and Township of the Northern Liberties, Wood Corder; intestate, without heirs or known kindred.

Monday, November 26th 1798.

Abraham Shortz was this day appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Nazareth in the County of Northampton.

Wednesday, November 28th 1798.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one Horse, for one year, within this Commonwealth upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond for good behaviour being given according to law.

Friday, November 30th 1798.

A Letter was written by the Governor, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress inclosing a Return of the Election of Robert Waln as a Representative of the City of Philadelphia, in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of John Swanwick, Esquire.

A Return of the election of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Philadelphia County Brigade was presented to the Governor, whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

Adam Hoffman Captain of the first company fourth Regiment.
Jacob Kerr second Lieut. of a Rifle company attached to fourth Regiment

Saturday, December 1st 1798.

The Governor accepted the resignation of Jonas Hartzell, Esquire, of the Office of Justice of the Peace, for the district

of Nazareth in the County of Northampton, previous to his taking a seat in the Legislature.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker or Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to William Athens, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia; and Bond for good behaviour given according to law.

Monday, December 3^d 1798.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Michael Barendollar, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Bedford, upon his being convicted of keeping a Tippling house in the said County, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Upon return of elections held according to law of Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the County of Franklin,—Commissions were issued to the following named persons vizt:

James McCurdy Captain	} of the first Company first Regiment.
Levi Gribble Lieut.	
Philip Evert Ensign	
John Huston Captain	} of a Rifle Company attached to the first Regiment.
John McAllan Lieut.	
William McCurdy Ensign	

Edward Malone Ensign of the sixth company in the first Regt.
Henry Snively Ensign of the eighth Company, second Regiment.

James Woods Ensign of the second Company second Regiment.

William B. Guthrie Captain	} of the Volunteer Company, called the Franklin Blues attached to 3 ^d Regiment
Samuel Huston Lieut.	
John Davis Ensign	

Moses Murphy Ensign of the sixth company in the third Regt.

John Duffield Lieut	} of the 2 nd Rifle company in the 3 ^d Regiment.
John Williams Ensign	

Ephraim Harris Captain	} of a Company of Artillery attached to the third Regiment.
Matthias Brindle 1 st Lieut.	
John Campbell 2 nd Lieut.	

Joseph Grubb 1 st Lieut.	} of the first Volunteer Troop of Light Dragoons attached to the Brigade
Robt McCulloch 2 nd Lieut.	
John Scott Cornet	

Joseph Kerr Captain

John Brotherton 1st Lieut.

Robert Sterret 2d Lieut.

John Nevin Cornet

} of the second Volunteer Troop
of Light Dragoons attached
to the Brigade.

Aikens Baxter Ensign of the second Company in 4th Regiment.

David Linn Ensign of the second Company in 5th Regiment.

Tuesday, December 4th 1798.

The Governor, this day, received and accepted the resignations of the following Officers, vizt:—Frederick Conrad John Scott, and Adam Miller, as Justices of the Peace, previous to their taking their Seats in the Legislature, the first for the County of Montgomery, the second for the County of Franklin, and the third for the County of Somerset.

A contract was, this day, concluded by the Governor with Albert Gallatin, for manufacturing and supplying the State with two thousand stands of arms, under the Act of General Assembly of the twenty eighth of March 1797. deliverable either at New Geneva in the County of Fayette, or in the City of Philadelphia, within the term of two years from the first day of March next. Which contract is entered at length, post pa- See February 5th 1799.

Wednesday, December 5th 1798.

It appearing by the examination and confession of John Galland taken before James Calhoon Esquire, Mayor of the City of Baltimore, that he the said Galland and a certain William Martin and Lewis Collins, have been concerned in counterfeiting notes of the Bank of Pennsylvania, of the denomination of ten dollars, and the said John Galland, being now confined in the Jail of Baltimore, the Governor, this day, upon the application of the President & Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania, required His Excellency the Governor of the State of Maryland to cause the said John Galland to be delivered up to be removed to this State having jurisdiction of his crime, agreeably to the second section of the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States and an Act of Congress of the 12th of February 1793.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, who are now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, they having been recom-

mended to the Governor, by the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, they having been recommended to the Governor, by the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia as proper objects of mercy.

Charles Somers convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayors Court to be imprisoned nine months at hard labour, and to pay a fine of one Dollar with costs of suit &c.

Elizabeth Coleman convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined six shillings with costs &c.

James Johnston convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to nine months imprisonment at hard labour and fined twelve Dollars, with costs &c.

Patrick McClaskey convicted and sentenced as aforesaid, to nine months imprisonment at hard labour and fined fifteen Dollars and forty cents with costs &c.

Thomas Lee, convicted and sentenced as aforesaid, to six months, imprisonment at hard labour and fined eight pounds with costs &c.

Joshua Remsen convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to six months Imprisonment at hard labor and fined eight Dollars with costs &c.

Elizabeth Holmes convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to six months Imprisonment at hard labour and fined six shillings with costs &c.

Timothy Burns convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to eighteen months imprisonment at hard labour and fined six Dollars with costs &c.

Hugh Boyd convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to one year's imprisonment at hard labour and fined ten pounds seven shillings and six pence with costs &c.

James OFarrell, convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to eighteen months Imprisonment at hard labour and fined sixteen Dollars with costs &c.

John Kelly convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined ten shillings and three pence with costs &c.

John Johnston convicted and sentenced as aforesaid, to nine months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined seven Dollars, and fifty cents, with costs &c.

Jeremiah Conner, convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to eighteen months imprisonment at hard labour and fined six Dollars with costs &c.

Mary Flood convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to two

years, imprisonment at hard labour, and fined two pounds eleven shillings with costs &c.

John McNeil convicted and sentenced, as aforesaid, to six months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined four Dollars and fifty cents, with costs &c.

Margaret Stanley convicted and sentenced as aforesaid to nine months Imprisonment at hard labour and fined eighteen Dollars with costs &c.

Robert Smith, convicted and sentenced, as aforesaid to nine months imprisonment at hard labour and fined nine Dollars with costs &c.

Peter Carey convicted and sentenced as aforesaid, to nine months Imprisonment at hard labour and fined twenty shillings with costs &c.

Thursday, December 6th 1798.

The Governor, this day accepted the resignation of John Hannum, Esquire, of his Offices of his Offices of Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration, and Recorder of Deeds, in and for the County of Chester; and in compliance with a respectable recommendation, this day, appointed and commissioned, Richard Montgomery Hannum his Son to fill the said Offices, in the room of the said John Hannum. A Bond was then executed by the said Richard Montgomery Hannum, and by John Hannum and Dennis Whelen as sureties, the Governor having previously accepted them as such.

A Dedimus Potestatum was issued to Wm. Gibbons Prothonotary and Richard Montgomery Hannum, Register and Recorder of the County of Chester.

The Governor, this day approved of the appointment of Jesse Evans by the Surveyor General, to be a Deputy Surveyor of all that part of Berks County lying on the South side of the great Road leading from Pottsgrove through Reading by Ellis Hughes's and Francis Yarnells to Fort Augusta (except the Townships of Tulpehocken and Bethel—and having accepted Peter Frailey and Daniel Rose, Esquires, of the said county as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office, a Bond was accordingly executed in due form.

Nicholas Fairlamb was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of the Townships of Chester, Ridley, Middletown and Lower Providence in the County of Delaware.

The Governor, this day, received and accepted the resignations of George Ingels and John Blair, Esquires, of the several Offices held by them respectively, to wit:—that of Inspector and Measurer of lumber for the City and Port of Philadelphia by George Ingels;—and that of Justice of the Peace, in and for the Town of Huntingdon in the County of Huntingdon by John Blair, Esquire.

A Joint Committee of the two Houses of the Legislature consisting of Messrs Morgan Whelen and Gurney of the Senate, and Messrs Hall and Harris, of the House of Representatives, this day, waited on the Governor, and informed him, that a quorum of each House was now met and ready to receive any communication, which he might think proper to make, and requested to know when it would be convenient for him to make such communication—whereupon the Governor informed the Committee that to morrow at twelve O'Clock he would meet both Houses in the Senate Chamber, to address them on the State of the Commonwealth.

Friday December 7th 1798.

The Governor, this day, agreeably to appointment, met both Houses of the Legislature, in the Senate Chamber, and delivered an Address on the State of the Commonwealth.

The resignation of Daniel Udree of his Office of Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Colebrookdale, Earl, and Oley, in the County of Berks, was this day accepted by the Governor.

Monday, December 10th 1798.

The resignation of James Wilson as a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of East and West Hanover, in the County of Dauphin, was this day received and accepted by the Governor.

Tuesday December 11th 1798.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following, Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, Samuel Sinclair and David Jones, for the County of Chester; the former for the district of East and West Marlborough; and the latter for the District of West Nantmell, East Caln, Honeybrook and Brandywine.

The fine of thirty Dollars which was imposed upon Elijah Walton for an Assault and Battery upon Amelia Tully was this day, remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a recommendation from two Judges of the Common Pleas.

Friday, December 14th 1798.

The resignation of Hugh Barclay of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Bedford, was presented to the Governor, and accepted.

A Return of three Officers of Captain Thomas Leiper's Troop of Light Dragoons, being the fourth Troop, was presented to the Governor, and Commissions made out agreeably thereto, for the following named persons, vizt:—

John Smith first Lieutenant

Daniel Fiss second Lieutenant

Samuel Israel Cornet.

Tuesday, December 18th 1798.

A Letter was written by the Governor to Jonathan Dayton, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, transmitting an authentic Copy of the Return of the Election of Robert Brown Esquire, as a Member of the said House from the district of the Counties of Northampton Bucks and Montgomery in this Commonwealth, in the room of Samuel Sitgreaves resigned.

The Governor granted a Pardon to John Leshner, who, upon two Indictments, was convicted of Horse stealing, in the County of Berks, and sentenced to eight years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined in a sum equal in value to the Horse stolen.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Nancy a Negress, convicted of Felony in the County of York, and sentenced by the said Court, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for three years, and fined in the sum of Seven hundred and sixty two pounds, with costs &c.

Friday, December 21st 1798.

A Return of elections held according to law to fill vacancies in the Philadelphia City Brigade, was, this day, presented to the Governor; whereupon Commissions were issued for the Officers named therein, as follow, vizt:—

Thomas McLane 1st Lieut	}	of a Light Infantry Company
John Regan 2d Lieut.		attached to the second Regiment
Swen Warner Major of the first Battalion	}	of the Second Regiment.
Thomas Dennis Major of the second Battalion		
Thomas Lonney Lieut. of the second Company		
Thomas Thompson Lieut. of the eighth Company		
Stephen Bennet Ensign of the seventh Company.		
James Scabrook Ensign of the eighth Company		

Monday December 24th 1798.

A Return of an Election held according to law of Officers of the Third Troop of Light Dragoons in the County of Philadelphia, was presented to the Governor; whereupon Commissions issued to the Officers therein named, as follows vizt:—

John Lardner Captain
 Thomas Holme 1st Lieut.
 Edward Duffield jr. 2d Lieut.
 Samuel Swift Cornet

Wednesday, December 26th 1798.

A Return of Elections of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Allegheny, was this day presented to the Governor—whereupon Commissions were made out and issued to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:

Alexander McDowell Lieutenant Colonel	}	of the 5th Regiment.
John Welsh Major		
Ross Byers Major		
John Sprott Lieut. Colonel	}	of the 6th Regiment.
Joseph Hemphill Major		
William Foulks Major		
Thomas Foster Lieut. Colonel	}	of the 7th Regiment.
John Grubb Major		
William McGrady Major		
Barnett Gilleland Lieut Colonel	}	of the 8th Regiment.
James Amberson Major		
Stephen McHaffey Major		

First Regiment.

Samuel Plummer Major of the second Battalion.
 Ebenezer Galleher Captain

John Stilley Lieut	}	of the first Company.
John Barclay Ensign		

John Fife Captain	}	of the second Company.
William Fife Lieut.		
John Douglass Ensign		
Henry Hughey Ensign of the		third Company.
Samuel Heth Captain	}	of the fourth Company.
David Little Lieut		
John Wilson Ensign		
Peter Lisle Captain	}	of the fifth Company.
Henry Murray Lieut.		
Joseph Long Ensign		
Hugh Nevins Lieut.	}	of the seventh Company.
John Smith Ensign		
Nathaniel Plummer Captain		
George Cochran Lieut	}	of the eighth Company.
Samuel Ayres Ensign		
Joel Ferree Captain		
Geo Swassick Lieut	}	of the first Lt. Inftry Compv.
Wm. McElheny Ensign		
David Allison Captain		
Levi Hunt Lieut.	}	of the second Lt. Inftry Compv.

Second Regiment.

Ebenezer Denny Major of the first Battalion		
Robert Cunningham Major of the second Battalion		
Peter Kintner Lieut of the first company.		
John Hampshire Captain	}	of the second Company.
William Steele Lieut.		
James McClarnin Ensign		
William Spears Captain	}	of the third Company.
John Dunbar Lieut.		
John Clark Ensign		
William Knox Lieut.	}	of the fourth Company.
John Wise Ensign		
Joseph Alexander Lieut.		
William Fisher Ensign	}	of the fifth Company.
John Myers Lieut.		
James McElroy Ensign		
John Reed Captain	}	of the sixth Company.
Robert Griffin Ensign		
Peter Shires junior Captain		
Thomas Morrow Ensign	}	of the seventh Company.
John Park Captain		
Anthony Beelin Lieut.		
Samuel Magee Ensign	}	of the first Company of Light Infantry.

John Thompson Captain	} of the second Company of Light Infantry.
Eli Myers Lieut.	
Moses Dunbar Ensign	

Third Regiment.

John Kerr Major of the second Battalion	
James Boyd Lieut.	} of the first Company.
Alexr. Ewings Ensign	
William Guy Captain	} of the third Company.
Robert Guy Lieut.	
James Elliott Ensign	
John Brown Lieut.	of the fifth Company.
Matthias Springer Captain	} of the sixth Company.
William Morgan Lieut.	
Robert Baldwin Captain	of the seventh Company.
Alexr. McCoy Lieut.	of the eighth Company.
William McCandless Captain	} of the first company of Light Infantry.
John Hooper Lieut.	
James Sprott Ensign	

Fourth Regiment.

William Loughead Lieut Colonel Commandant	
William Shaw Major	
John Beckitt Lieut.	of the first Company.
Aaron Applegate Ensign	of the second Company.
William Sills Captain	} of the third Company.
William Moore Lieut.	
William Brannon Ensign	
John Fishell Ensign	of the fourth Company.
James McFarlane Captain	} of the fifth Company.
Minor Lefevre Lieut.	
Jonathan Wieff Ensign	
Adam Johnston Captain	} of the sixth Company.
James Evans Lieut.	
Obadiah Davis Ensign	
Thomas Dinnon Captain	} of the seventh Company.
James Hara Lieut	
Samuel McConnell Ensign	
John Pears Captain	} of the eighth Company.
James McDill Lieut.	
Robert Pears Ensign	
James Kirwin Captain	} of a Artillery Company.
Thomas Baird 1st Lieut.	
Zachariah A. Tannehill 2d Lieut.	

James Brison Captain

Joseph R. Postlethwait 1st Lieut.

Thomas Collins 2^d Lieut

Samuel S. Mahon Cornet

} of the Troop of Light
Dragoons attached to
the Brigade.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, this day, in compliance with a Resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 22^d Instant, and by the direction of the Governor transmitted to that House a Schedule specifying the number of the copies of the Laws of this State and of the United States, which remain the property of the State; designating the same by volumes and Editions; and the number of copies private property, which may be purchased—See Legislative Communications Vol. II page.

Thursday December 27th 1798.

The Governor, this day, granted to William McClinnen a Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot for one year, within this Commonwealth, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond being given according to law.

Saturday December 29th 1798.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Subscribers to the Stock of a Company for improving the navigation of the River Lehigh, agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed the twenty seventh day of February 1798, was this day signed by the Governor, and Sealed with the great Seal of the Commonwealth; and is in the following words, vizt:—
Pennsylvania sst

[Great Seal] In the name and by the authority of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the said Commonwealth,

Tho. Mifflin To all to whom these presents shall come
sends, Greeting:—

Whereas in and by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, “An Act to enable the Governor of this Commonwealth to incorporate a company for the purpose of improving the navigation of the River Lehigh,” passed the twenty seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety

eight, it is provided, that when fifteen persons or more shall have Subscribed two hundred or more shares in the said Stock, the Commissioners respectively may certify under their hands and seals the names of the Subscribers and the number of Shares subscribed by, or apportioned to each subscriber to the Governor of this Commonwealth; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful to and for the Governor, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the State, to create and erect such Subscribers; and also those who shall afterwards subscribe, into one Body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, with perpetual succession, and with all the privileges and franchises incident to a Corporation, by the name Style and title of "The President and Managers of the Lehigh Navigation Company."

And whereas, William Tilghman, Godfrey Haga, John M. Taylor, John Barnet, Joseph Horsefield Nicholas Kern, Matthias Hollenback, Rosewell Welles and Lord Butler, the Commissioners in the said recited Act named to receive the Subscriptions, under their hands and seals, respectively, have certified to the Governor, that sixty nine persons have subscribed for two hundred and eight shares in the Stock of the said Company, and for the purposes mentioned in the said Act of General Assembly, agreeably to the following List: Godfrey Haga five shares, John M Taylor, one, Frederick Boller, one, William Nicholas, one, Ann Penn Allen, one, Henry W Livingston, one, Robert E Griffith, five, Philip Nicklin, five, Henry Stuckert, two, Thomas Dyer one hundred, Thomas Allibone, one, Peter Care, one, James Vanuxem, one, Ambrose Vasse, one, Henry Drinker, one, John Vanuxem, two, Jacob Downing, one, Caleb Lownes, two, John Waddington, two, William G. Latimer, two, Thomas Armat one, Thomas Cuthbert, two, Anthony Cuthbert, one, Levi Hollingsworth, one, Michael Hillegas, one, Godfrey Baker, two, Jacob Lawersyler, one, Justus Fox, one, Standish Forde, two, John Graff, two, Jacob Eyerly, one, Christopher Marshall, three, Robert Smith, two, Jacob Weiss Senior, four, Francis Weiss, two, Edward Mott, one, Henry Spering, one, Joseph Horsefield, two, J. C. Reich, one, Jacob Hartman one John Kreiter, one, Joseph Till, one, John Shropp, three, J. Gebhard Cunow, three, William Henry, two, Peter Rhoad one, Abraham Levan one, Thomas Mewhorter, one, Paul Solt, one, Peter Kuntz, one, James Hays, one Nicholas Neigleic, one, Abraham Kreiter, one, William Kern junr. two, Conrad Krester, one, Matthias Hollenback one, Rosewell Welles, one, Lord Butler, one,

Samuel Bowman, one, Putnam Catlin one, Philip Jackson, one, Nathan Beach, one,

Now know Ye, that by virtue and in pursuance, of the power and authority to me given, by the said recited Act of Assembly, I the said Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the said Commonwealth, do by these presents, which I have caused to be made Patent, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State, create and erect all and every of the Subscribers, herein before particularly named, into one Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in law, with perpetual succession, and with all the privileges and franchises incident to a corporation, who shall be capable of taking and holding their said Capital Stock, and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same from time to time by new subscriptions, in such manner and form, as they shall think proper, if such enlargement shall be found necessary to fulfill the intent of this Act, and of taking purchasing and holding to them and their successors in fee simple, or for any less Estate, all such lands, tenements hereditaments and estate real and personal, as shall be necessary and convenient to them in the prosecution of their works and the same to sell and dispose of at their pleasure, and of suing and being sued, and of doing all and every other matter and thing, which a corporation or body politic may lawfully do.

In Testimony, whereof I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed to these presents, at Philadelphia, the twenty ninth day of December, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight, and of the Commonwealth the twenty third.

By the Governor

A. J. Dallas,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Monday December 31st 1798.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Jonathan Williams, Esquire, of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia.

Monday January 7th 1799.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Philanthropic Society in the City and Liberties of Philadelphia

having received the approbation of the Attorney General, and Judges of the Supreme Court, was, this day, confirmed by the Governor, and transmitted to Matthew Irwin Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth, agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed the sixth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

Wednesday, January 9th 1799.

Upon a respectable recommendation Malcolm Andre Esqr. was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the Township of Armagh in the County of Mifflin

A statement of an account in favor of Charles Culnan James Roberts and Frederick Wiler Watchmen at the State-house and public Treasury, for extra services during the prevailing fever, last fall, in the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the Governor, by the Comptroller General Register General and State Treasurer, amounting to seventy three Dollars, and forty four Cents, and the same received his approbation and allowance.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon John Drum by the Mayor's Court, upon his being convicted of keeping a Tippling-house in the City of Philadelphia, was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Clement Humphreys to be the Inspector and Measurer of Lumber in and for the City and County and Port of Philadelphia, in the room of George Ingels resigned: And also, this day, appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the following Districts, vizt:—Abraham Van Cortwright in and for the district of the Township of Fishing Creek in the County of Northampton; and Daniel Spinner for the district of the Townships of Milford and Richland in the said County.

The several fines of ten pounds each, imposed upon William Minter and Anne Kennedy, by the respective Courts of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the Counties of Huntingdon and Fayette, upon being severally convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, were, this day, remitted by the Governor.

Thursday January 10th 1799.

The resignation of Clement Humphreys of the Office of Justice of the Peace, for the district of Southwark, in the

County of Philadelphia, was, this day, accepted by the Governor.

Friday, January 11th 1799.

A Pardon was, this day, granted by the Governor, to Jacob Weyman, who was convicted of keeping a disorderly House, by permitting unlawful gaming therein, and for that offence was sentenced to pay a fine of twenty six Dollars, and to forfeit his Billiard Table, and pay costs of prosecution &c.

Saturday, January 12th 1798 [1799].

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Enoch Edwards, Esquire, an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia, in the room of Jonathan Williams Esqr., who resigned, on the thirty first day of December last.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon James Logan for Keeping a Tippling house, in the City of Philadelphia, was this day, remitted by the Governor, who at the same time granted Pardons to Lewis Gerlin and Joseph McGuire, the former convicted of Larceny in the County of Luzerne, and the latter of the like offence in the City of Philadelphia.

Monday, January 14th 1799.

James Reed's Commission as Inspector of Flour for the City and County of Philadelphia, being nearly expired, he, this day, delivered up his Commission, to the Governor, and requested the Governor would be pleased to re-appoint him to the said Office; whereupon the Governor re-appointed him, the said James Reed, Inspector of Flour, in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, for and during the term of four years, from this date, if he shall so long behave himself well, in the said Office.

A Contract was, this day, concluded by the Governor, with John Fondersmith of the County of Lancaster for manufacturing and supplying the State with five hundred stands of arms under the Act of Assembly of the twenty eighth of March 1797. deliverable in the City of Philadelphia, within the term of two years, from this date; which agreement or Contract, was in the following Words, Vizt:

Articles of Agreement made entered into on the fourteenth day of January, in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, Between Thomas Mifflin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the said Commonwealth, of the one part, and John Fondersmith of the County of Lancaster in the said Commonwealth of the other part: Whereas, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, did in and by an Act, entitled, "An Act to provide Arms for the use of the Commonwealth," passed the twenty eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, authorise and empower the Governor, to procure by purchase as speedily as may be, ten thousand stands or Arms to be made or manufactured within the United States, of a size and quality, best adapted for field service, to be of the fashion or Pattern of the French Charleville Musquet, and of the dimensions following, to wit:—the length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches, and to receive a Ball of the size of eighteen to the pound; each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use for the proof on those made for the service of the United States, and to be stamped near the breech with the letters C. P. the locks to be upon the best construction double bridled on a flat plate and marked, with the letters aforesaid; the mounting Iron with bands and swivels and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered steel; the bayonets to be fifteen Inches in the blade made of steel well tempered and polished; the stock to be made of well seasoned walnut; the length of the butt of the Musquet, to be fifteen and an half Inches from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate; the side pins, the breech pins, and trigger to be case hardened; the weight of the Musquet and Bayonet thus compleated, not to exceed eleven pounds:—And Whereas the said John Fondersmith hath made proposals for manufacturing five hundred stands of the said Arms before mentioned, agreeably to the true intend and meaning of the Legislature, which proposals the said Thomas Mifflin deems it for the interest of the Commonwealth to accept. Now these articles witness, that for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, he the said John Fondersmith, hath and by these presents doth, agree undertake and contract to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successors of the said Commonwealth, in manner and form following, vizt:—That he the said John Fondersmith shall and will well and truly manufacture and furnish five hundred stands of the said

arms, agreeably to the pattern deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth and in all respects conformably to the description before recited, to be inspected by a Person to be appointed by the Governor, for that purpose; that he shall and will deliver the said Arms in the City of Philadelphia, at his own risque cost and charge:—one hundred and fifty stands whereof shall be delivered on or before the fourteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred, and the remainder on or before the fourteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and one; That the said arms shall be of good quality and workmanship, at least equal to the standard pattern aforesaid; and that he shall and will cause the said arms to be stamped on the barrels and locks as the said Act prescribes and also the Stock to be branded with the word Pennsylvania in small Roman Capitals. And the said John Fondersmith for himself his heirs executors and administrators, doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successors Governors of the said Commonwealth, that he will well and truly execute and perform all and singular the agreements undertakings and contracts aforesaid. And the said Thomas Mifflin, on behalf of the said Commonwealth, in consideration of the undertakings and contracts hereinbefore specified, covenants promises and agrees to and with the said John Fondersmith, that on the delivery of the said Arms, agreeably to Contract, he the said John Fondersmith, shall have and receive at the rate of thirteen dollars and one third of a dollar, for each stand that shall be found to be complete, agreeably to the standard Pattern and the description herein before recited; That the said arms shall be proved at the expense of the State, at the place of making them, by a person to be appointed by the Governor, for that purpose; That the expense of portorage and boxing the said Arms, shall be paid by the State; That the said John Fondersmith shall have and receive in advance, upon the execution of these presents, the sum of one thousand Dollars; and that he shall receive payment, from time to time, upon the delivery, of any quantity not less than one hundred stands, except for so many, the last to be delivered, as shall meet the sum in advance, In Witness whereof, the said parties, to these presents have interchangeably set their hands

and seals, hereunto. Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered
in the presence of us

Tho. Miffin [Seal]

Jacob Bear	} Witnesses to	
John Wither		John Fondersmith's
Abm Carpenter		signing. John Fondersmith [Seal]

James Mease M.D.	} Witnesses to
Joshua Tyson	

Pennsylvania sst

Know All Men, by these presents, That we Michael Wither and Isaac Ferrie, Yeomen, George Duffield Merchant and John Fondersmith Gunsmith all of the Township of Strasburgh, in the County of Lancaster, are held and firmly bound unto Alexander James Dallas, Esquire, Secretary of the Commonwealth, for the use of the said Commonwealth, in the sum of five thousand Pounds, to be paid to the said Alexander James Dallas, or to his successor in the said Office: To the which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally for and in the whole, our heirs executors and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and ninety nine.

Whereas, the said John Fondersmith hath this day entered into a Contract with the Governor for supplying five hundred stands of Arms for the use of the Commonwealth to be manufactured within this Commonwealth, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General Assembly passed the twenty eighth day of March 1797. entitled, "An Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth.

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bounden John Fondersmith, shall and does in all things well and truly execute and perform the said Contract, according to the terms stipulations and conditions thereof: Then the above obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed & delivered	} John Fondersmith [Seal]	
in the presence of us		Michael Wither [Seal]
Jacob Bear		Isaac Ferree [Seal]
Abrm Carpenter		Geo. Duffield [Seal]

Tuesday January 15th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to Henry Leonard and William Leonard of the County of Wayne, the former convicted of Larceny, and fined in the sum of Sixteen Dollars and fifty cents, and sentenced to one years imprisonment at hard labour &c And the latter convicted of a Misdemeanor and for that offence was fined, in the sum of ten Dollars and sentenced to be imprisoned, untill the next Court, to that, at which he was tried.

A Return of the election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Montgomery County Brigade, was presented to the Governor; whereupon commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

Jacob Keely—Captain of the seventh Company	} of 1 st Regiment
Owen Evans—Lieutenant of Do. Do.	
Jacob Neiman—Ensign of Do. Do.	
John Lightner—Lieut. of the first Company of 2 ^d Regiment.	} of the 2 ^d Company of 3 ^d Regiment.
Malachi Fisher—Captain	
Garret Dungan—Lieut.	
Benjamin Schriver—Ensign	

Wednesday January 16th 1799.

Christian Sheetz was, this day, appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia.

Licences to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, were granted to William Gorman and to Barney and Henry Corran, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bonds given according to law.

The several fines which were imposed upon Philip Wolf Thomas Hempfield and Jacob Rimmell, of the County of Northampton, for not performing their tour of Militia duty, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, were, this day, remitted by the Governor.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House, in which they respectively, originated.

“An Act to declare Frankford Creek a public highway.”

“An Act to divide the second election District in the County of Huntingdon.”

"An Act to facilitate the barring of entails."

The Governor granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:

John Luke Lentz, convicted of keeping a Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia, and fined ten pounds with costs of prosecution &c

Robert Porter convicted of keeping a Tippling house upon one Indictment, and upon one other Indictment, of an Assault and Battery, in the County of Chester, and fined for both offences in the sum of sixteen pounds, with costs &c.

Thursday, January 17th 1799.

The Governor granted Pardons to the following named Persons vizt:

George Yost, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Lancaster County, to one year's imprisonment at hard labour and fined four dollars with costs &c

Dianna Dickinson, who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia to an imprisonment at hard labour for six months and fined six dollars with costs &c.

John Luke convicted of receiving stolen goods knowing them to be such, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour, for one year and fined seventy Dollars, with costs of suit &c

John Thomas convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for eighteen months, and fined in the sum of one pound seventeen shillings and six pence, with costs of prosecution &c

David Wells and Michael Caton convicted, severally of Larceny, and sentenced and sentenced by the last mentioned Court, each to an imprisonment at hard labour, for one year, and to pay to the Commonwealth a fine of twelve Dollars, with costs &c

Peter Brown convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the said Court, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of six months, and fined in the sum of ninety three cents, with costs &c

James Erwin convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County

of Chester, to an imprisonment at hard labour, for eighteen months, and fined thirty nine Dollars and sixty seven cents, with costs &c

James Johnston convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, of the City of Philadelphia to an imprisonment at hard labour, for one year, and fined in a sum equal to the value of the goods stolen, with costs of suit &c

Thomas Fitzsimons convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia to an imprisonment at hard labour, for two years, and fined in the sum of twenty one dollars, with costs &c

Joseph McGuire convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for six months, and fined in the sum of seven dollars and twenty five cents with costs &c

Charles Stevenson convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the said Court to an Imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and fined in the sum of six Dollars, with costs &c

Lewis Gerlin convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Luzerne, to an imprisonment, at hard labour, for one year, and fined three Dollars with costs &c

William Butler convicted of Larceny and sentenced, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to undergo an imprisonment at hard labour, and fined ten Dollars with costs &c

James Crawford convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for six months and fined twenty Dollars, with costs &c

Patrick Clinton convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and fined in the sum of twenty Dollars with costs &c

Friday January 18th 1799.

William Adams was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Cocolico and Elizabeth Townships in the County of Lancaster.

Information of an Escheat to the Commonwealth, by the decease of Lawrence Stanly Intestate, without heirs or known kindred siezed and possessed of real and personal Estate in the City and County of Philadelphia, was, this day, given to the Governor by Charles Pierce.

Saturday January 19th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen, as Justices of the Peace, vizt:

George Stroop for the district of Tyrone in the County of Cumberland.

George Craighead, for the district of Straban in the County of Washington; and

Jesse Roberts, for the district of Coventry, Vincent, and Pikeland Townships, in the County of Chester.

A Pardon was granted, by the Governor, to Charles McManamin, who was convicted of keeping a Tippling-house, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds, with costs &c was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

Monday January 21st 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth, on foot, was, this day, granted by the Governor.

Tuesday, January 22^d 1799.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Robert Trail Esquire, of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Northampton, and thereupon in compliance with a respectable recommendation Doctor John Cooper was appointed and commissioned, by the Governor to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County in the room of Robert Trail, to take rank according to the date of his Commission.

A Return of Elections held by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Cumberland, according to law, for Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the said County, was presented to the Governor, and Commissions for the Persons named therein, were made out accordingly, vizt:

John Shippen—Captain	} of the second Troop of Horse, attached to the Brigade.
Samuel Crowell—1 st Lieut.	
David Jamison—2 ^d Lieut.	
John Ewalt—Major of the 1 st Battalion in the 3 ^d Regiment	
John Sterret—Major of the 2 ^d Battalion Do. Do.	
James Smith—Lieut. of the Rifle Company	
John Smith—Lieut. of the second Company in the 4 th Regt	

James Hutton—Captain of the eighth Company in the Do.
 Isaac Williams—Lieut. of Do. Do.
 John Shade—Ensign of Do. Do.
 Adam Brown—Lieut. of the second Company 5th Regiment
 Enoch Abraham—Ensign of the third Company Do.
 George McKeehan—Captain of the eighth Company Do.
 James Bell—Captain } of the fifth Company
 George Trimble—Lieut. } 6th Regiment.
 Meredith Darlinton—Captain of the eighth Company 3^d Regiment
 Robert Wallace—Lieut. of the second Company Do.
 Robert Peibles—Captain }
 Leonard Thrush—Ensign } of the first Company
 William Davidson—Lieut. } 5th Regiment
 Daniel Blair—Ensign } of the eighth Company Do.
 John Neil—Ensignof a Light Infantry Company
 Joseph Showalter—Cornet of the Second Troop of Horse.

A Letter was received from Robert Wharton, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, informing the Governor, that having accepted a Commission from the President as Captain of a Troop of Horse, in the service of the United States, he entertains some doubt, whether the same is compatible with the Office of Mayor, and Alderman of the City of Philadelphia, which he now holds, and requesting that the opinion of the Attorney General may be taken thereon, under the instructions of the Governor—whereupon the same being considered by the Governor the opinion of the Attorney General was requested accordingly.

Wednesday, January 23^d 1799.

A Message from the Governor, to both Houses of the Legislature was presented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth submitting for the consideration of the Legislature sundry resolutions entered into by the Legislature of the State of Kentucky relative to certain measures of the General Government; and also transmitting a Memorial from the Board of Inspectors of the Prison of the City and County of Philadelphia, for a grant of money by the Legislature for repairing the buildings lately destroyed in the Prison yard.

Thursday, January 24th 1799.

John Griffith was appointed and Commissioned a Justice

of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Richland and Milford in the County of Bucks.

Upon a Return being made by the Brigade Inspector of the City of Philadelphia, of Officers elected for a Company of Light Infantry to be attached to the first Regiment commanded by Colonel Gurney, the following Gentlemen were commissioned,

David Irwing Captain

John Baxter first Lieut.

Peter Denham second Lieut.

Friday, January 25th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:

Edward Hicks, for the district of Goshen Willistown and Easton, in the County of Chester;

Jacob Trinsue in and for the district of the Township of Lower Smithfield in the County of Northampton; and

James Moore for the district of East Pennsborough in the County of Cumberland.

Information of an Escheat to the Commonwealth of Real and Personal Estate, within the Counties of Delaware and Chester, happening by the death of William Hoskins intestate without heirs or known kindred, was, this day, received from Richard Vidler of the City of Philadelphia.

The case of Owen O'Hara confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, under sentence of death for Murder, being again under consideration, it appeared that the last reprieve, which was granted to him is nearly expired—whereupon the Governor granted a further reprieve to him until the last Saturday in the year one thousand eight hundred.

Monday, January 28th 1799.

The fine of three pounds, which was imposed upon James McKinsey, by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia for an Assault and Battery, was, this day remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday, January 30th 1799.

Upon a Return made by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Luzerne, of Elections held for Officers to fill vacancies in

the Militia of the said County, Commissions were made out for the following named Gentlemen, vizt:

George P. Ransom—Lieut.	Colonel of the 3 ^d Regiment.
Elias Allen—Lieut.	} of the 4 th Company 3 ^d Regiment.
Joseph Ives—Ensign	
Abel Forster—Lieut.	} of the 2 nd Company 1 st Regiment.
John Crammer—Ensign	
Tarball Whitney—Captain	} of the Rifle Company at- tached to the first Battal- ion of 3 ^d Regiment.
Elijah Goodwin—Lieut.	
Jonathan Hunlock—Ensign	
Abel Fellows—Ensign	sixth Company 3 ^d Regiment.
James Wheeler—Captain	} of the Rifle Company at- tached to the first Battal- ion 1 st Regiment.
John Whitcomb—Lieut.	
John Frink—Ensign	
Ebenezer Slocum—Captain	} of the "Wyoming Blues," attached to the 2 nd Bat- talion 3 ^d Regiment.
Benjamin Dorrance—Lieut.	
Benjamin Slocum—Ensign	
Thomas Gilmore—Lieut.	of the fifth Company 3 ^d Regiment.
Abraham Neisbit—Captain	} of the seventh Company 3 ^d Regiment.
Hezekiah Roberts—Lieut.	
James Neisbit—Ensign	

Thursday January 31st 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, within this Commonwealth, for one year, on foot, was granted to Daniel Wilkinson, upon recommendation from the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Enoch Anderson to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the Township of Tyrone in the County of Cumberland.

Friday February 1st 1799.

It being certified to the Governor, that Thomas Turbutt and George Wilson formerly approved as sureties for William Elliot Sheriff of Mifflin County have declined such suretiship, and a Bond duly executed by the Sheriff and other sureties to wit John Williams, John Hurrell, George Mitchell and John Davis, and approved by Judges Oliver and Wilson being presented by the Sheriff to the Governor—the same was accepted as a sufficient Bond and security, and it was ordered to be filed—instructions were then issued to the Recorder to make the usual record thereon.

Adam Wise was appointed and commissioned a Justice of

the Peace in and for the township of Upper Pextang in the County of Dauphin.

The several fines which were imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Luzerne, upon Benjamin Smith and Philip Jackson, upon being severally convicted of keeping a Tippling house—were this day remitted, by the Governor—who at the same time granted a Pardon to William Wallace of Franklin County, in compliance with a respectable recommendation—the said Wm Wallace having been convicted in the said County of an Assault and Battery, with intent to kill, and fined 50 dollars and to give security for good behaviour.

The fine of twenty seven Dollars and fifty cents which was imposed upon Mary Hench, upon being convicted of Larceny in the County of Dauphin was this day remitted, by the Governor.

Monday February 4th 1799.

The resignation of Joshua Anderson of his office of Justice of the Peace, for the district of the townships of Lower Makefield, Wrights-town and Newtown in the County of Bucks, was, this day, accepted by the Governor.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed, by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northumberland in January 1799, upon George Bachman, was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

Tuesday, February 5th 1799.

A Contract was this day concluded by the Governor with Albert Gallatin, Esquire, of the County of Fayette for manufacturing and supplying two thousand stands of Arms for the use of the State, under an Act of General Assembly of the twenty eighth of March 1797, deliverable either in the City of Philadelphia or at New Geneva in the said County at the option of the contractor, within the term of two years from this date—which contract was in the following words, vizt:

Articles of Agreement made and entered into on the fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, Between Thomas Mifflin Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in behalf of the said Commonwealth of the one part, and Albert Gallatin of the County of Fayette in the said Commonwealth, Esquire, of the other part:—Whereas, the General Assembly of this Common-

wealth did in and by an Act entitled, "An Act to provide Arms for the use of the Commonwealth." passed the twenty eighth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven authorise and empower the Governor, to procure by purchase as speedily as may be ten thousand stands of arms to be made or manufactured within the United States of a size and quality best adapted for field service to be of the fashion or pattern of the french Charleville Musket, and of the dimensions following to wit:—the length of each barrel to be three feet eight inches, and to receive a ball of the size of eighteen to the pound, each barrel to undergo the same degree of proof as is now in use for the proof on those made for the service of the United States, and to be stamped or marked with the Letters C. P. the locks to be upon the best construction, double bridled on a flat plate, and marked with the letters aforesaid; the mounting Iron with bands and swivels, and spring to each band; the ramrods to be of well tempered steel; the bayonets to be fifteen inches in the blade made of steel well tempered and polished; the stocks to be made of well seasoned walnut; the length of the butt of the Musket to be fifteen and an half inches, from the breech end of the barrel to the heel plate; the side pins, the breech pins and trigger to be case hardened the weight of the Musket and bayonet thus completed not to exceed eleven pounds.

And Whereas the said Albert Gallatin, hath made proposals, for manufacturing two thousand stands of said arms before mentioned, agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature, which proposals the said Thomas Mifflin deems it for the interest of the Commonwealth. Now these Articles Witness that for the consideration herein after mentioned he the said Albert Gallatin hath and by these presents doth agree undertake and contract to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successor's Governor's of the said Commonwealth, in manner and form following to wit:—That the said Albert Gallatin shall well and truly manufacture and furnish two thousand stands of the said Arms agreeably to the pattern to be deposited with the Brigade Inspector of the County of Fayette and in all respects conformably to the description herein before recited, to be inspected by a Person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose; That he shall and will deliver the said arms either at New Geneva in the said county of Fayette or in the City of Philadelphia (to be at his option) at his own risk, cost and charge, within two years, from the first day of March next, as follow, vizt:— At least five hundred stands thereof shall be delivered

on or before the first day of March one thousand eight hundred, and the remainder thereof, on or before the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and one; That the said arms shall be of good quality and workmanship, at least equal to the standard Pattern aforesaid, and that he shall and will cause the said arms to be stamped on the barrels and locks as the said act prescribes; and also the Stocks to be branded with the word Pennsylvania in small Roman Capitals. And the said Albert Gallatin for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth covenant promise and agree to and with the said Thomas Mifflin and his Successor's Governors of the said Commonwealth; that he will well and truly execute and perform all and singular the agreements undertakings and contracts aforesaid. And the said Thomas Mifflin on behalf of the said Commonwealth, in consideration of the undertakings and Contracts hereinbefore specified covenants promises and agrees to and with the said Albert Gallatin, that on the delivery of the said Arms, agreeably to contract, he the said Albert Gallatin, shall have and receive, at the rate of thirteen Dollars and one third of a Dollar for each stand that shall be found to be complete agreeably to the Standard Pattern and description herein before recited; That the said Arms shall be proved at the expense of the State, at the place of making them by a Person to be appointed by the Governor for that purpose; That the expense of portorage and boxing the said Arms shall be paid by the State; That the said Albert Gallatin shall have in advance Six thousand dollars, on the execution of this contract, and shall on the delivery of every two hundred stands of said Arms receive payment therefor, at the time of delivery, except for so many of said arms last to be delivered as shall meet the said sum of Six thousand Dollars in advance. And at the expiration of the said two years and upon the completion of this Contract, the said Contractor, shall have a preference for any subsequent Contract, on equal terms with other proposals made at that time, for arms which may be wanted, to be delivered in any of the Counties West of the Allegheny Mountain. In Witness whereof the said Parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

Sealed & delivered }
 in the presence of }
 Joshua Tyson }
 James Trimble }

Tho. Mifflin
 Albert Gallatin

[Seal]
 [Seal]

Pennsylvania sst

Know all Men by these presents that we Albert Gallatin James W Nickolson and Isaac Griffin Esquires, all of the County of Fayette, are held and firmly bound unto Alexander James Dallas, Esquire, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the use of the said Commonwealth in the sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, to be paid to the said Alexander James Dallas, or to his Successor in the said Office: To the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves jointly and severally, for and in the whole, our Heirs Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Whereas, the said Albert Gallatin hath this day entered into a contract with the Governor for supplying two thousand stands of arms for the use of the Commonwealth to be manufactured within the same agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Act of General Assembly passed the 28th day of March 1797 entitled "An Act to provide arms for the use of the Commonwealth."

Now the Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bounden Albert Gallatin shall and does in all things well and truly execute and perform the said Contract according to the terms stipulations and conditions, thereof, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us

James Trimble } to Mr Gallatin's
Jno. Hastings } Signing
Thomas Clare }
Philip Minor }

Albert Gallatin [Seal]

John W. Nicholson [Seal]

Isaac Griffin [Seal]

Thursday February 7th 1799.

A Pardon was this day granted to William Sharp who was convicted in the County of Delaware of Adultery and sentenced to pay a fine of five Dollars, and to be imprisoned three months, pay costs of suit &c

Friday, February 8th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:—

Esther McCormick convicted of keeping a Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia, and fined in the sum of ten pounds with costs of suit &c

John Miller convicted of Fornication and Bastardy in the County of Northumberland and fined in the sum of ten pounds with costs &c

Charles McCall convicted of Fornication and Bastardy in the County of Washington, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds with costs of suit &c

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen, to the Offices annexed to their names, respectively, vizt:—

Morgan I Rhees to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Somerset.

William Ormskirk Bowler, a Justice of the Peace for the district of Irvine in the County of Allegheny.

Abdiel McClure and Thomas Cannon, for the same District, and County aforesaid.

Frederick Haymaker a Justice of the Peace for the District of Meade—John Redick for the District of Versailles—Moses Ford, and Sampson Pearcall for the District of Pitt. David Scott for the district of Moon, all in the County of Allegheny.

George Hudson for the district of the Township of Dublin, in the County of Huntingdon.

William Adams and Robert King for the County of Lancaster the former for the district of Cocolico and Elizabeth, and the latter for the district of the Township of Drummores.

Ebenezer Kickling for the district of Quemakoning and Jonathan Kurtz and George Johnston for the district of Brothers Valley, in the County of Somerset.

Anthony Keentz for the district of Hamilton Isaac Hartzell for the district of Nazareth and Frederick Kuns for the district of Lehigh and Towamensing all in the County of Northampton.

James Patton for the district of Toboyne in the County of Cumberland.

Paul Groscup for the district of Richland Hereford and East townships in the County of Berks.

John Slagle for the district of the Township of Berwick in the County of York.

Thomas McNeery for the District of Straban; Samuel Scott for the district of Peters all in the County of Washington.

Robert Miller for the district of the Townships of East

Caln, West Nantmell, Honey-brook and Brandywine in the County of Chester.

Robert Hammersly for the district of the Township of Newberry in the County of York.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of William Smiley of the Office of Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of Hopewell in the County of Washington.

Saturday, February 9th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace in the several Districts and Counties annexed to their names respectively, and they were commissioned accordingly, vizt:

Joseph Alexander for the district of Donegall, John Wilson for the district of the Town and Township of Washington and Samuel Fleming for the district of the Township of Hanover in the County of Washington.

Jared Brush, John Glassgow and John McKee, for the district of Greene, Jonathan Johnston for the district of Cumberland, and Ebenezer Luce for the district of the Township of Morgan all in the County of Greene.

John Wolfley for the District of the Township of Donegall Mountjoy and Ralpho, in the County of Lancaster.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated, vizt:

"An Act to erect the Town of Greensburg in the County of Westmoreland into a Borough."

"A supplement to an Act entitled an Act to provide for the erection of houses for the employment and support of the Poor, in the Counties of Chester and Lancaster."

"An Act to authorise John Canan to erect a Toll Bridge over the Frankstown branch of the Juniata River."

Monday February 11th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned James Morgan and Peter Johnston to be Justices of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Worcester Whitpain and Norriton in the County of Montgomery.

The fine of thirty Dollars which was imposed upon Henry Spering, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the

Peace of the County of Northampton, was this day remitted by the Governor; and also a fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Obed Davis, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Fayette, upon his being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy.

A Pardon was granted to Thomas Lancaster, who was convicted of Horse Stealing, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northampton, to three year's imprisonment at hard labour and fined in a sum equal in value to the Horse stolen, with costs of suit &c

Tuesday February 12th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:

Abraham Hendricks of the County of Northampton who was convicted of neglect of Militia duty in the said County, and fined in the sum of nine pounds, with costs &c

James Preston, who was convicted of a like offence in the said County, and fined in the sum of nine pounds with costs &c

Conrad Hess, who was convicted of the offence of Fornication and Bastardy, in the County of Northampton and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds, with costs of suit &c

A Contract was, this day, concluded by the Governor with James Black of Stoney Creek Township in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, for opening and improving part of the Road leading from Spykers to Cherrys mill in the said County for the consideration of Three hundred and twelve pounds, in full of all expenses and services. For the Contract at large see Contract Book Vol. II page.

Joseph Wright and Benjamin Durance were accepted as sureties for Abel Yarringtons faithful performance of the Office of Coroner of the County of Luzerne, two Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of that County having certified their competency and sufficiency as such.

David Sterrett was appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the township of Armagh in the County of Mifflin.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed, upon Thomas Fisher, by the Mayor's Court, for keeping a Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia, was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday, February 13th 1799.

The resignation of Benjamin Brannon Esquire of the Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Delaware, which was received yesterday, was this day, accepted by the Governor and filed in the Secretary's Office.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House of Representatives, in which they originated.

"An Act to authorise the President Directors and company of the Bank of Pennsylvania to make a loan to the United States of a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand Dollars"

"An Act to raise by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding two thousand Dollars to be applied to the defraying the expenses of compleating the building of a Presbyterian meeting-house in Mifflin town in the County of Mifflin."

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:—

George Ludwick and Benjamin Williams for the district of Montgomery; and William Reynolds, for the district of Hamilton, all in the County of Franklin.

Levi Owens, for the district of the township of Rye in the County of Cumberland.

The Governor also appointed and commissioned John Scott Esqr to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Bedford, in the room of Hugh Barclay Esquire, resigned to take rank according to the date of his Commission.

Pardons were this day granted by the Governor, to the following named Persons, vizt:

James London convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail delivery held in York County in March 1798 to an imprisonment at hard labour for three years and fined one hundred Dollars, with costs of suit &c

John Welles convicted of Larceny, upon two Indictments and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of Franklin County to an Imprisonment at hard labour for three years and fined three hundred and thirteen Dollars and seventy six cents with costs &c

James Meade convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia in March 1798 to an Imprisonment at hard labour, for three years and fined one hundred Dollars with costs &c

Robert Hancock convicted of counterfeiting ten Dollar Notes of the Bank of the United States, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, held in the County of Lancaster, to an imprisonment at hard labour for fifteen years, and fined three hundred Dollars, with costs &c

Jack Robinson convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Cumberland to an imprisonment, for one year and fined one hundred Dollars with costs &c

Thursday, February 14th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Abner Buckman to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of Lower Makefield Newtown and Wrights town in the County of Bucks.

The Governor, this day, granted a Pardon to James Hawkins (a Negro) confined in the Jail of the City of Philadelphia and convicted of Burglary in the County of Allegheny, upon which he was sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail delivery of that County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the term of two years and to pay costs of Prosecution &c

The Secretary of the Commonwealth wrote a Letter to Benjamin R. Morgan informing him of the Governor's acceptance of the resignation of Benjamin Brannon, Esquire, of the Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Delaware, on the thirteenth instant.

Friday, February 15th 1799.

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned John Eckman to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of Bart and Colrain in the County of Lancaster.

A Bond executed by Thomas Brooke, Israel Ortliep, John Yost, Isaac Shantz, Henry Messimer, John Lightner, Jacob Messimer, Adam Brandt, and Francis Bigony all of New Hanover Township, in the County of Montgomery, as Commissioners for raising by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding five hundred Dollars to be by them applied to the defraying the expense of erecting a School house in the said Township, in the sum of five thousand Dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of that trust according to law—was presented to the Governor, together with a scheme of the said

Lottery: Thereupon the said Bond and Scheme received the approbation of the Governor.

A General Return of Elections of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of York, was presented to the Governor:—whereupon Commissions were issued to the Gentlemen named in the said Return, vizt:

First Regiment.

Adam Hoover—Captain	}	of the first Company.
Peter Messerly—Lieut.		
Henry Smith—Ensign		
Joseph Hoover—Captain		of the fourth Company.
John Quickle—Captain		of the fifth Company.
James Todd—Captain	}	of the seventh Company.
Webster Lewis—Lieutenant		
Andrew Miller—Ensign		
Thomas Pettit—Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
George Stouck—Lieut.		
John Peitzel—Ensign		
Abraham Butler—Lieut. of the first Rifle Company.		
Jacob Comfort—Captain	}	of the second Rifle Company.
Henry Wentz—Lieut.		
Philip Groce—Ensign		

Second Regiment.

Adam Hendricks—Lieutenant Colonel.		
Henry Miller—Major		of the first Battalion.
Conrad Myer—Captain		of the first Company.
Joseph Roop—Captain		of the second Company.
Michael Klinfelter—Captain		of the fifth Company.
Christian Hetrick—Captain		of the sixth Company.
John Rule—Ensign	of	Do. Do.
Jacob Neace—Captain	}	of the seventh Company.
Benjamin Taylor—Lieut.		

Third Regiment.

Henry Smyser—Major		of the second Battalion.
Robert McIlhenny—Captain	}	of the first Company.
Philip Graft—Lieut.		
Alexander Long—Ensign		
James Horner—Captain	}	of the second Company.
Henry Brinkerhoff—Lieut.		
John Torrence—Ensign		
Leonard Hartzell—Lieut.	}	of the third Company.
Henry Snyder—Ensign		

Jonathan Neely—Captain	}	of the fourth Company.
Joseph Walker—Lieut.		
Conrad Fidler—Ensign		
Robert McElwain—Lieut.	}	of the fifth Company.
Samuel Lilly—Ensign		
William Hamilton—Captain		
John Young—Ensign	}	of the sixth Company.
Baltzer Detrick—Captain		
Daniel Rex—Lieut.		
James Rhea—Ensign	}	of the seventh Company.
Richard Brown—Captain		
John Magoffin—Lieut.		
Jacob Cassat—Ensign	}	of a Light Infantry Comp ^y

Fourth Regiment.

John Arndt—Captain	}	of the second Company.
Jacob Middlecalf—Lieut.		
Andrew Gelwicks—Ensign		
Adam Black—Captain	}	of the fifth Company.
David Kissinger—Lieut.		
Samuel Patterson—Ensign		
John Piper—Ensign		of the fourth Company.
David Horner jun.—Ensign		of the fifth Company.
Patrick McKaig—Lieut.	}	of the eighth Company.
John Murry jun.—Ensign		
John Kerr—Ensign		of Light Infantry Company.
James Brice jun.—Captain	}	of a Rifle Company.
Samuel Caldwell—2d Lieut.		

Fifth Regiment.

John Brenisen—Captain	}	of the first Company.
Jacob Spanger—Lieut.		
Christian Sinn—Ensign		
George Hay—Lieut.		of the second Company.
Frederick Rockey—Captain	}	of the third Company.
Philip Kissinger—Lieut.		
Henry Peter—Ensign		
George Barnitz—Captain	}	of the fourth Company.
Joseph Donaldson—Ensign		
George Wilhelm—Captain		
Jacob Geesey—Ensign	}	of the sixth Company.
Adam Shenberger—Captain		
Matthias Baker—Lieut.		
John Rubey—Ensign	}	of the seventh Company.

Sixth Regiment.

Richard Knight—Lieut.	}	of the second Company.
Lindsey Sturgeon—Ensign		
Michael Grate—Captain	}	of the fourth Company.
George Carl—Lieut.		
John Shauck—Captain		of the sixth Company.
Jacob Shorp—Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
Jacob Adams Lieut.		
Peter Crumbine Ensign	}	of the Hanover Troop of
Richard Seabrooks Captain		
John Bittinger 1 st Lieut.		Horse in the bounds of
Henry Felty 2 ^d Lieut.		6 th Regt.
Isaac Forsyth Cornet	}	of the Light Infantry
Daniel Barnitz Captain		
George Nace Lieut.		
Michael Helm Ensign		Comp ^y

Seventh Regiment.

James Hays Lieut.	of the first Company.
Patrick Luck Lieut.	of the third Company.
James Pedan Ensign	of the sixth Company.
William Allison Ensign	of the Rifle Company.

Eighth Regiment.

John Dill senr. Captain	}	of the first Company.
John Dougherty Ensign		
Hugh Livingston Ensign		of the third Company.
William Morris Lieut.	}	of the fourth Company.
John Gilmore Ensign		
George Smith Captain	}	of the fifth Company.
Frederick Myers Ensign		
Peter Myers Lieut.	}	of the seventh Company.
Samuel Wireman Ensign		
John Fox Captain	}	of the eighth Company.
Henry Picken Lieut.		
Isaiah King Ensign	}	of the 2 ^d Rifle Comp ^y
Charles Morris 1 st Lieut.		
Jesse Stretch 2 ^d Lieut.		

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the Act, entitled, "An Act to regulate the General Elections within this Commonwealth" and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House of Representations in which it originated.

Saturday, February 16th 1799.

The several fines of nine pounds each, which were severally imposed upon Philip Wolf Thomas Hemphill and Jacob Rim-mell for not performing their tour of Militia duty when called thereto, in the year 1794 from the County of Northampton, were, this day remitted, by the Governor.

Monday, February 18th 1799.

A Return of Elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Bedford, was presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, viz^t:—

John Adams Captain	}	of a Rifle Company attached to 1 st Batt ⁿ . 1 st Regiment.
George Lingelfelty Lieut.		
Willm. Dotson Ensign	}	of the 8 th Comp ^y 2 nd Regiment
David Beckwith Captain		
James McLane Lieut.		
Joseph Osburn Ensign		
John Davis Captain	}	of a Troop of Horse.
John Graves 1 st Lieut.		
Willm. Beckwith 2 ^d Lieut		
Alexr. Hunter Cornet		

Tuesday, February 19th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, viz^t:—John Nilson for the district of Donegall and Alexander Brown for the District of South Huntingdon, both in the County of Westmoreland; and John Arthur for the District of West Pennsborough in the County of Cumberland.

A Commission was issued to John Brodhead, Esquire, as Lieutenant Colonel of the 2nd Regiment of Militia of the County of Wayne, upon return of an Election having been held according to law.

Wednesday, February 20th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen as Justices of the Peace, viz^t:—

Peter Behey for the District of the Townships of Allen and Moore;—John Vanbuskirk, for the District of Macungie

and Weisenburgh; and John Ransbury for the district of Lower Smithfield all in the County of Northampton; Timothy Green in and for the District of West Hanover in the County of Dauphin;—Charles Foreman in and for the District of Salem in the County of Westmoreland;—and John McCormick for the district of the Township of Bald Eagle and Nippenose in the County of Lycoming.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to John Donaghy upon recommendation, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia and Bond given according to law.

A Bond executed by John Holme, John B. Gilpin Edward Duffield junr. William Lardner, John Keen, Humphrey Waterman, Thomas Holme, and Strickland Foster of the County of Philadelphia as Commissioners, for raising by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding five thousand and four Dollars, to be by them applied in defraying the expense of completing the Lower Dublin Academy &c Conditioned for the faithful discharge of that trust according to law, was presented to the Governor, with a scheme of the said Lottery; whereupon the said Bond and Scheme received the approbation of the Governor.

A Return of the election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Fayette was this day received, and Commissions made out agreeably thereto, for the following Gentlemen vizt:—

Joseph Huston Captain	} of the Troop of Horse.
Jonathan Miller 1st Lieut.	
Elias Bayless 2d Lieut.	
Joshua Clark Ensign	of the 1st Regiment 1st Company.
Amos Wilson Captain	} of the 2d Company 1st Regiment
Charles Ford Lieut	
Kinsey Virgin Captain	} of the 7th Company 1st Regiment
Joseph Davidson Lieut	
Thomas Smith Ensign	
James Dixon Lieut.	of the 3d Company 2d Regiment
Jehu John Lieut.	2d Ditto
Thomas Campbell Ensign	of a Light Infantry Comp
John Hamilton Captain	of the 6th Comp 4th Regiment.
Robert Archibald Lieut.	of . . . Ditto . . . Ditto
George McCord Ensign	of . . . Ditto . . . Ditto

John Clark Captain	}	of the first Comp ^y 4th Regiment
Joseph Alexander Lieut.		
James Blake Ensign		
David Vance Captain	}	of the third Company 4th Regiment.
Thomas Boyd Lieut.		
Abner Mounts Ensign		
Abraham Goble Captain	}	of the seventh Company 4th Regt.
John Gibson Lieut.		
John Christle Ensign		
John Dougan Captain		of the 2 ^d Company 3 ^d Regiment.
Jacob Springer Lieut.	}	of the Company 3 ^d Regiment.
Daniel Morcela Ensign		
Isaac Phillips Lieut.		
Wm. Swearengen Ensign	}	of a Light Infantry Company attached to the 1 st Batt ⁿ . 3 ^d Regiment
John Little Lieut.		
Benjamin Byres Ensign		

Thursday, February 21st 1799.

A fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Henry Waggoner, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of of the Peace of the County of York, for Fornication, was this day, remitted by the Governor.

Friday, February 22^d 1799.

A Pardon was granted to James Corbin (a Negro) who. was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayors Court to an imprisonment at hard labour, for the space of two years and fined in the sum of twenty five Dollars, with costs &c.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Eleanor Zeechy, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, upon being convicted of keeping a Tippling-house, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Saturday February 23^d 1799.

James Buchanan was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Montgomery in the County of Franklin.

Monday, February 25th 1799.

A Return of an Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the second Company of Militia Artillery in the City of Philadelphia was presented to the Governor, and by his order Commissions were made out and issued to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:—Robert Erwin 1st Lieutenant, and Samuel Erwin 2^d Lieutenant.

Tuesday, February 26th 1799.

John Smith was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of West Fallowfield Sadsbury and West Caln Townships in the County of Chester.

Wednesday, February 27th 1799.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Josiah Harmer Esqr. of the Office of Adjutant General of the Militia of this State; and thereupon Peter Baynton Esqr. was appointed and commissioned, by the Governor, to the said office, and William McPherson and William Hall Esquires, were accepted as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office, according to law.

The Governor granted Pardons to Frederick and Margaret Foy, who were severally convicted of keeping a disorderly-house, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, each to pay a fine of ten Dollars, with costs of suit &c and to undergo an imprisonment in the common Jail for three months.

Thursday, February 28th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons and Remissions to the following named Persons, Vizt:

Thomas Proctor, who was convicted of an Assault and Battery in the year 1782, on the person of John Kling, and for that offence was sentenced to pay a fine of eighty pounds with cost of prosecution &c

Valentine Saala, who was convicted of Adultery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, to undergo an imprisonment for six Months, and fined in the sum of Fifty pounds, with costs of suit &c

Joseph Smith, who was convicted of Forgery, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail

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Delivery, held in Northampton County, in October 1791, to pay a fine to the Commonwealth of Sixty pounds, with costs &c

George Jacob Rhode, who was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Northampton, to pay a fine of nine pounds for not performing his tour of Militia duty, when called out so to do, in the year 1794, on the western expedition

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was granted to David Mulhalland, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Upon a Return made according to law, Commissions were issued to the following named Gentlemen, as Officers elected to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the County of Dauphin vizt:

First Regiment.

Robert Clark Captain	of the 1 st Comp ^y 2 ^d Battn.
William Cochran Lieut.	of Do Do
Neel Franklin Ensign	of Do Do
John McCleery Captain	} of the 3 ^d Comp ^y 2 ^d Battn
George Harter Lieut.	
George Bowers Ensign	
George Woodsides Lieut	} of the 4 th Comp ^y 2 ^d Battn
George Weaver Ensign	
Cornelius Atkinson Ensign	of the Rifle Company attached to the second Battalion.

Second Regiment.

George Tool Lieutenant Colonel	
John Boal Moorehead Ensign	of the 1 st Company 1 st Battn
Jacob Early Ensign	of the 4 th Company, 2 ^d Battn
James Burlin Ensign	of the 7 th Company, 1 st Battn
Adam Kerper Ensign	of the 6 th Company, 2 ^d Battn
Benjamin McKinley Ensign	of the 4 th Company. 2 ^d Battn
Thomas Kitch Ensign	of the 8 th Company 2 ^d Battn
Ennis Green Captain	of a Company of Light Dragoons.
James Sturgeon 1 st Lieut.	of a Company of Light Dragoons
Robert Hays 2 ^d Lieut.	of Do Do
Samuel Stewart Cornet	of Do Do
John Allen Captain	} of the Artillery Company attached to the said Regiment.
James Barnet 1 st Lieut.	
Samuel Judd 2 ^d Lieut.	
Henry Stoner Lieut.	of a Light Infantry Company.

Third Regiment.

Christian Ley Major	of the second Battalion.
Peter Line Captain	of the eighth Company 2 ^d Battn
Frederick Gerhard Lieut.	of the fifth Company 2 ^d Battn
Godlieb Kintzly Lieut.	of the Rifle Company attached to the 2 nd Battalion of said Regiment.

Fourth Regiment.

Christian Shouffler Lieut.	of the fifth Company 1 st Battn
John Wollaber Ensign	of Ditto Ditto
George Tillow Ensign	of the fourth Company 2 ^d Battn
George Young Captain	} of the Rifle Company attached to the second Battalion.
James Ainsworth Lieut	

A Message from the Governor was presented to both Houses of the Legislature communicating a General report of the State of the Contracts for improving Roads and inland navigation of the State, and recommending to the consideration of the Legislature, an application from the Corporation of the City relative to the approbation of a burying ground for Strangers in the City of Philadelphia, which was formerly authorised to be made, but which has not been carried completely into effect.

The fine of nine pounds which was imposed upon John Miller of the County of Northampton, for not performing his tour of Militia duty, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, was this day remitted.

Friday March 1st 1799.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and directed the Secretary of the Commonwealth to return the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated—vizt:

I. "A Supplement to an Act entitled An Act to extend the powers of the Justices of the Peace of this State."

II. An Act to continue in force for a limited time part of an Act entitled "A further Supplement to the Act to enjoin certain duties on the Secretary of the Commonwealth and for other purposes therein mentioned.

III. An act to incorporate and endow an academy or public School in the Town of York, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

John Palmer was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the Township and District of Shirley

in the County of Huntingdon; and Archibald Bard was also appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for, the Township of Peters in the County of Franklin.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:

George Gallagher convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Chester to an imprisonment at hard labour, and fined thirty Dollars with costs of suit &c

Joseph Kipple, convicted of Forgery and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Berks to an imprisonment at hard labour for four years, and fined twenty pounds, with costs &c

Moses and Elias Castello, convicted, severally of a Cheat, upon Jehu Hollingsworth, and sentenced by the Supreme Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail delivery held at Philadelphia, in December 1796, the former to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and pay a fine of three thousand six hundred Dollars, with costs of suit &c; and the latter to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and to pay a fine of one hundred Dollars, and to find security for good behaviour &c

Frederick Taylor convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Delaware, to an imprisonment at hard labour for fifteen months, and fined fifty Dollars, with costs of Suit &c

William Morris convicted of Fornication and Bastardy in the County of Huntingdon, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds, with costs of suit &c

Susanna Reaton convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery of the County of Dauphin, to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and fined ten Dollars, with costs of suit &c

Samuel Taggart convicted of keeping a Tippling house and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the City and County of Philadelphia, to pay a fine of ten pounds, with costs of suit &c

Saturday, March 2nd 1799.

The Attorney General's opinion, which was requested by the Governor on the twenty second of January last on the question stated in a Letter from Robert Wharton, Esquire, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, was this day, received and is in the following words to wit:—

Philadelphia March 2^d 1799.

Dear Sir:

I have considered the question referred to me, by the Governor, and which is stated in a Letter from Robert Wharton Esqr. to him, dated the 21st January 1799.

It is with much regret that I find myself obliged to say, that I am of opinion, that under the Constitution of Pennsylvania there is an incompatibility in Mr. Wharton's continuing an Alderman and Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, at the same time, that he holds an office of trust, under the United States, to wit, a Commission from the President as Captain of a Volunteer Troop of Cavalry

A. J. Dallas, Esquire
Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

I am, Sir,
Yrs.
Jared Ingersoll

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to John Henry, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Philadelphia and Bond given according to law.

Tuesday March 5th 1799.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Thomas Craig Esquire of the Offices of Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Orphans Court, of the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery, holden by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Recorder of Deeds, and Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration, in and for the County of Montgomery; and thereupon appointed and commissioned William Richardson Atlee, Esquire, to the before mentioned Offices in the room of the said Thomas Craig.

Robert Erwin of Philadelphia and William Armstrong were then accepted as sureties for the said Atlee's faithful discharge of the said several Offices according to law, and a Bond was executed accordingly.

Licences to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was this day granted to Daniel Dougherty and John Lynch upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bonds given according to Law.

Wednesday, March 6th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Solomon Westbrook, Joseph Tanner and Ruben Skinner to be Justices of the Peace, the first named for the District of the Township of Delaware, and the two last named for the District of Upper Smithfield Township in the County of Wayne.

A letter was written by the Governor of this State to the Governors of the States of Massachusetts, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, inclosing the Resolution of the Senate of this Commonwealth of the 30th of January last respecting the proposition, for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, on the subject of naturalization.

Thursday, March 7th 1799.

William McNeely and Moses Hemphill, Esquires, were appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace, the former for the district of Rockhill and Bedminster Townships, in the County of Bucks; and the latter for the district of which Hanover is a part in the County of Northampton—John Boyd was also appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of Fawn in the County of York.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Charles Dolan upon being convicted of keeping a Tippling house, at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia was this day remitted by the Governor.

Licences to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, were this day granted to Daniel Dougherty and John Lynch upon recommendations, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County, and Bonds executed according to law.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House of Representatives in which they originated, vizt:—

“An Act for the appointment and regulation of Constables in the district of Southwark.”

“An Act authorising the continuance of the sitting of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, beyond the four days to which they are at present restricted.”

Friday March 8th 1799.

John Shannon was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Township of Mifflin, in the County of Cumberland. Timothy Tuttle, Samuel Lord, & Jno. McCullough, were also appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace; the two former for the district of the Township of Peters, in County of Franklin.

The Governor, this day approved and signed the following acts of the General Assembly, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House in which they respectively, originated, vizt:—

“An Act authorizing Benjamin Herr his heirs and assigns to erect and maintain a mill-dam and wing-dam in the Allegheny River in the County of Allegheny.”

“An Act to provide for the payment of twenty nine thousand Dollars borrowed and expended for the use of the Inhabitants of Philadelphia and its vicinity during the prevalence of the late malignant fever, and also for the payment of interest thereon.”

“An Act to establish a ferry over the River Susquehanna, at or near the mouth of Juniata, and to vest the right thereof in Matthias Flam and David Watts their heirs and assigns.”

“An Act in favor of John Hazlewood.”

A Message from the Governor was presented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to both Houses of the Legislature communicating and submitting for their consideration sundry Resolutions entered into by the Legislature of the State of Virginia relative to certain measures of the General Government

Saturday, March 9th 1799.

Henry Spiker and Matthias Richards were this day appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Northumberland; the former for the District of Buffalo; and the latter for the district of Bald Eagle and Nippenose.

Monday March 11th 1799.

Andrew Richardson was appointed and commissioned, by the Governor, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the Borough of Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Nathaniel Falconer to be Master Warden; and Magnus Miller,

John Maxwell Nesbitt, George Ord, Robert Bethel, William Allen, and Robert Ralston, to be Assistant Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for the term of one year, from the date hereof, agreeably to the first Section of the Act of General Assembly passed the eleventh day of April 1793, entitled "An Act to establish a Board of Wardens for the Port of Philadelphia, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was, this day, granted to Abraham Gumpert upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law and upon the like recommendation, and Bond given according to law, a Licence was granted to Robert Rodgers, to travel with one horse for one year.

Tuesday March 12th 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, was; this day granted to Barney O Donnell, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardon to Jacob Devebough, convicted of Larceny, in the County of Franklin, and sentenced to one years servitude at hard labour and fined five Dollars with costs of suit &c

Wednesday, March 13th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted a Pardon to John Domain, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to fifteen month servitude at hard labour and fined seventy three Dollars with costs &c—and at the same time remitted the fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Christian Kauffman for Fornication and Bastardy in Berks County.

Thursday March 14th 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth

was granted to John McGlaughlin, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given as the law directs

Friday, March 15th 1799.

Licences to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, for one year, within this Commonwealth, were granted to William Hull, and Aaron Levi junr. the former with one Horse, and the latter on foot, upon recommendation from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philada and Bonds given according to law.

A Message from the Governor, to both Houses of the Legislature, was, this day presented by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, requesting their attention to the subject of the Presidents Proclamation of the 12th instant announcing that combinations to defeat the execution of the laws of the United States have existed in the Counties of Northampton, Montgomery and Bucks in this State, and that it is necessary to call forth the military force, in order to suppress the combination aforesaid, that if any measures ought to be taken, on the part of this State to co-operate, with the Federal Government, that they may be devised and authorized by the Legislature. The Governor at the same time informed the Legislature, that he had received no communication from the President on the important occasion.

Saturday March 16th 1799.

An Act or Instrument for the incorporation of Scots Thistle Society, in the City of Philadelphia, being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the State of the lawfulness thereof;—the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor; and agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, passed on the sixth day of April 1791. was transmitted to the Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for inrollment, at the expense of the applicants.

Monday, March 18th 1799.

Licenses to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, were, this day, granted to Patrick McLaughlin Crean Isaac Peter Harkin

John Myer John McIntire and Edward Dougherty, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Philadelphia, and Bonds given according to law.

A Pardon was granted to Margaret Flood, who was convicted of Manslaughter, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery of Fayette in September 1797, to two years servitude at hard labour and to pay costs of prosecution &c—and also to John Hemberg, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to one years servitude at hard labour, and fined in the sum of one hundred Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c

Tuesday, March 19th 1799.

In compliance with a Resolution of the Senate of the fourteenth Instant, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, stated for their information the contracts which have been formed for supplying the State, with arms, in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly, passed the 28th of March 1797. For which see Legislative Communications Vol. 2. page 203.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen, to be Justices of the Peace, for the Districts and Counties hereafter mentioned vizt:—

Robert Moody for the district of the Townships of East and West Hanover, in the County of Dauphin—John Happle for the District of Upper Paxton, and James Reed for the district of Middle Paxton in the said County.

William Ewing for the district of the Township of Luzerne in the County of Fayette—and David Hunter for the District of Turbutt and Derry, in the County of Northumberland.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:—

Joseph Marble convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia to one year's servitude at hard labour, and fined five Dollars and fifty cents, with costs of suit &c

Jacob Simons convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of Philadelphia, to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and fined ten pounds with costs of suit &c

John Hall convicted in the County of York, of conspiring to defraud sundry persons of their property, and sentenced

by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of said County to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years and fined 100 Dollars, with costs &c

Elijah Woods convicted in the County of Bucks of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for thirteen months and fined fifty three Dollars, with costs of suit &c

Peter Dewitt convicted of Larceny in the County of Lancaster, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined four shillings and six pence with costs &c

Thomas Hannon convicted of Horse stealing in the County of Fayette, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, to an imprisonment, at hard labour for three years and fined fifty pounds with costs of suit &c

John Farrady convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia, held in January 1799 to undergo a servitude at hard labour for six months and fined five pounds, ten shillings, with costs of suit &c

Daniel Cole convicted of Horse stealing in the County of Lancaster and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County to undergo a servitude at hard labour for seven years, and fined seventy two pounds with costs &c

Anne Branson, convicted of Larceny at a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philada of that County to an Imprisonment at hard labour for three months and fined in the sum of four Dollars, with costs &c

Harry (a Negro) convicted in the County of York of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer of that County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year, and fined four Dollars and twenty five cents, with costs &c

Mary Yelverton convicted in Philadelphia County of Larceny, and sentenced, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County to an imprisonment for three mnoths, and fined fifteen Dollars and fifty cents, with costs of suit &c

Catharine Louisa Fagan convicted in said County, of Larceny, and sentenced by the said Court to an imprisonment at hard labour, for the term of one year, and fined twenty Dollars with costs of suit &c

Joseph Dorrell convicted of a Assault and Battery and sentenced, by the Mayor's Court, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth, a fine of forty Dollars, with costs of suit &c

Wednesday, March 20th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen, to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:—

Jacob Smith and Isaac Weigle Esquires, for the district of the Township of Hempfield, in the County of Westmoreland.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to Barnet Barrell, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond given according to law.

A Return of the election of Officers of a Troop of Light Horse, belonging to the County of York was received from the Brigade Inspector of that County; whereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:—William McClellan, Captain John Fisher first Lieutenant—David Harris second Lieutenant—and David Cassat Cornet.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House in which they respectively originated vizt:

“An Act to enable the Justice of the Supreme Court to hold Circuit Courts within this Commonwealth.”

“An Act for altering the place of holding special elections for the City of Philadelphia and the Townships of Blockley and Kingessing in the County of Philadelphia when the Legislature shall be in session.”

“An Act to continue an Act entitled “An Act to revive the Incorporation of the Subscribers to the Bank of North America.”

“An Act for reviving suits process and proceeding which have been discontinued in the Courts of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Common Pleas in the County of Montgomery.”

“A Resolution for the distribution of the laws of the State, and of the United States.”

“A Resolution for printing five thousand copies of the Act entitled, “An Act to regulate the general elections, within this Commonwealth passed this Session.”

Thursday, March 31st [21st] 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Constant Searle and Matthew Covell, Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Luzerne; the former for the district of Providence, and the latter for the district of the Township of Wilkesbarre.

The fine of Joseph Dorrell amounting to ten pounds which was imposed, by the Mayor's Court of Philadelphia, for an Assault and Battery; and also a fine of ten pounds imposed by the said Court upon Samuel Taggart for keeping a Tippling-house, were this day, remitted by the Governor.

Friday, March 22^d 1799.

The resignation of William MacPherson of his office of Brigadier General of the Brigade of Militia composed of the City of Philadelphia, was this day, accepted by the Governor; and thereupon Francis Gurney, Esquire, was appointed and commissioned to the said office.

Monday, March 25th 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, was granted to Abraham Isaac upon recommendation, from the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County; and Bond given according to law.

Wednesday March 27th 1799.

An Act or Instrument for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Baptist Church in the Great Valley in the Township of Tredriffin Township in the County of Chester, being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of the lawfulness thereof, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed on the 6th day of April 1791. was transmitted to the Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth, for inrollment, at the expense of the applicants.

John Terry was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Townships, of Wrightstown, Newtown, and Lower Makefield in the County of Bucks, upon a respectable recommendation.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to John Scott, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond given according to law.

Thursday, March 28th 1799.

Two Acts or Instruments for the Incorporation of "The Chambersburgh Academy, in the County of Franklin"—and "The Trustees of the Great Valley Library Company, in Tredriffin Township in the County of Chester, being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of the lawfulness thereof, the same were approved and confirmed by the Governor, and agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, passed the 6th day of April 1791. was transmitted to the Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for inrollment at the expense of the applicants.

Licences to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth were, this day, granted, by the Governor, to John Morse and Lyon, upon recommendation of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia, and Bonds given according to law.

Simon Hovey and Thomas Robinson, were this day, appointed and commissioned, to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Meade in the County of Allegheny.

Francis Coulson and James Todd were also appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace in and for the County of York—the former for the districts of the Townships of Warrington and Managhan, and the latter for the district of the Township of Newberry.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of Commonwealth, returned the same to the House, in which they, respectively, originated, vizt:

"An Act for the relief of Jesse Rankin."

"An Act to vest in the Heirs of William Rankin decd such parts of his forfeited Estate, as hath not been sold for the use of this Commonwealth."

"An Act to enable William Alexander and Robert Alexander and the Survivor of them trustees of an Estate held for the

use of Jonathan Williams and Mariamme his Wife and their joint heirs with the remainders over to sell and convey the said Estate or such parts thereof as may be necessary, and to invest the monies arising therefrom to the same uses but in other property more beneficial and productive and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to authorise the Commissioners of Montgomery County and their Successors in Office, to raise money by toll for compleating a Bridge over Perkiomen Creek, on the Road leading from Philadelphia to Reading."

"An Act to incorporate the town of West Chester in the County of Chester, into a Borough."

"A Supplement to an Act entitled, 'An Act to regulate Hawkers and Pedlars.'"

"An Act to indemnify General William Irwine for the loss of Mountour's Island recovered from him by a judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States."

"An Act for incorporating the Trustees of the Ministers and Elders constituting the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

An Act empowering certain Trustees therein named to sell and dispose of a part of a certain tract of Land situate in Hellam Township in the County of York, the State of Pennsylvania and to appropriate the monies arising from such sale to the purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to provide for reimbursing the expenses of the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, in removing his Prisoners from the debtors apartment, to the County of Montgomery during the prevalence of the late contagious fever."

"An Act to appropriate a sum of money to be applied in compleating three Bridges in Bedford County and for other purposes."

"An Act to erect the Town of Lebanon in the County of Dauphin, into a Borough."

"An Act to enable Thomas Jones and Peter Filbert of the County of Berks or the survivor of them to convey and assure the lots of ground therein mentioned."

Friday March 29th 1799.

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Byberry Library Company in the County of Philadelphia, being presented to the Governor with a Certificate of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Com-

monwealth, of the lawfulness thereof, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, passed the 6th of April 1791 was transmitted to the Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth for inrollment, at the expense of the Applicants.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned James McMasters and Robert Johnston to be Justices of the Peace, the former for the District of the Townships of Upper Makefield and Solesbury in the County of Bucks, and the latter for the district of the Township of St. Clair in the County of Allegheny.

Saturday, March 30th 1799.

An Act or Instrument for incorporating the Trustees of the Frankford Academy in the County of Philadelphia being presented to the Governor, with a Certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, of the lawfulness thereof, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, passed the Sixth day of April 1791 was transmitted to the Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth, for inrollment at the expense of the applicants.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace vizt:—

Joseph Hutchinson for the district of the Townships of Turbut and Derry, and John Wilson for the district of the Townships of Mahoning and Chillisquaque, both in the County of Northumberland—and William Ross for the district of the Township of Salem, in the County of Westmoreland.

Monday April 1st 1799.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the Act of General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to authorise the removal of the Seat of Justice in the County of Wayne and for other purposes," and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the House of Representatives in which it originated.

The said Act having previously been submitted for the consideration of the Attorney General of the State, whose opinion was received in the following words, to wit:—

"I do not consider the law above mentioned as unconstitu-

tional—the Scite of County towns has been changed, from time to time as public convenience required—The 4th Section appears to me very inaccurate, and as such I have represented it—Some Gentlemen interested in the business have left a Bond, which they consider as a compliance with the meaning of the Assembly, which I do myself the honor to forward.”

“I think the law Constitutional—of its expediency it is not my duty to say any thing.”

March 30th 1799.
Governor Mifflin

Y^{rs} most respectfully
J. Ingersoll.

The Bond above alluded to, is as follows, vizt:

Know all men by these presents, That we Henry Drinker, Thomas Harrison, Thomas Shields, Levi Hollingsworth Samuel Meredith Timothy Pickering and Edward Tilghman, are held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of the County of Wayne, in the State of Pennsylvania, for the time being, in the sum of three thousand Dollars, to be paid to the said Treasurer, or his legal successor in Office to which payment well and truly to be made, we do bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals. Dater the thirtieth day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Whereas in and by the fourth Section of an Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, “An Act to authorize the removal of the Seat of Justice in the County of Wayne and for other purposes” it is enacted, that the Inhabitants of and others interested in Lands in the six upper Townships shall pay the expense already necessarily incurred by the Commissioners, formerly appointed by the Act entitled “An Act for erecting part of Northampton County into a separte County, to fix the Seat of Justice and erect public buildings, and the amount of the monies paid for Lots in Milford, sold by them at auction, the amount of which said expense shall be liquidated and finally adjusted by and between the Commissioner, appointed by the former Act and the Trustees herein appointed or a majority of the whole, or in case they should not agree, then by five referrees or Arbitrators, four of whom shall be mutually appointed by them, and the remaining one by the said four, and the award of a majority of said Refferrees to be final and decisive.

Now the condition of the above Obligation is such that if the Inhabitants of, and others interested in Lands in the Six Upper Townships in the said section mentioned, shall within

twelve months from the date of the above Obligation pay the expenses already necessarily incurred by the Commissioners formerly appointed by the Act entitled, "An Act for erecting part of Northampton County into a separate County, to fix the seat of Justice and erect public buildings, and the amount of the monies paid for Lots in Milford sold by them at Auction the amount of which said expenses shall be liquidated and finally adjusted by and between the Commissioners appointed by the former Act and the Trustees in the said latter Act appointed, or a majority of the whole, or in case they should not agree, then by five Referrees or Arbitrators, four of whom shall be mutually appointed by them and the remaining one, by the said four and the award of a majority of said referrees to be final and decisive. And fully and compleatly comply with the said Section in all its parts and do make and perform all the duties and payments by the said Section directed and enjoined, by them to be done made and performed, then and in such case this Obligation shall be void or else of force.

Sealed & delivered	Henry Drinker	[Seal]
in the presence of	Thos Harrison	[Seal]
David Shields	Tho. Shields	[Seal]
Isaac B Childs		

Sealed and delivered by	Levi Hollingsworth	[Seal]
Edward Tilghman in	Sam. Meredith	[Seal]
the presence of	Timothy Pickering	[Seal]
Bird Wilson	Edwd Tilghman	[Seal]
Edwd Tilghman Junr.		

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen, to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:

William Clarke, William Hays and James McBurney, for the County of Washington, the two first named for the district of the Township of Chartiers, and the latter for the district of the Township of Cecil; and Anthony Nagle for the District of the Town of Bedford in the County of Bedford.

The Governor granted Pardons to the following persons vizt: Mary McGowan convicted of Larceny in the City of Philadelphia, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, to an imprisonment at hard labour for four months, and fined four Dollars with, costs &c

John Negany and Patrick McBride convicted in the County of Northumberland of a Riot Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the said Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, to pay a fine to the Commonwealth, of ten pounds, with costs &c.

Henry Conrad convicted in the said County of Fornication and Bastardy, and sentenced by the said Court to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the Commonwealth, with costs of suit &c.

Wednesday, April 3^d 1799.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed the Act of General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Seat of Government of the State of Pennsylvania," and the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the same to the Senate where it originated. The said Act having been previously submitted, by the Governor, to the Attorney General for his consideration and opinion, on the Constitutionality thereof and whose opinion was received in the following words, to wit:

"Dear Sir.

"In answer to yours of this morning I answer that I am of opinion that the first Section of the Act relative to the Health Office as it is expressed is contrary to the Constitution, as the offices of Health Office and Quarantine Master are appointed by Law, and their compensation fixed by the same law, of consequence the appointment of these Officers by the Constitution remains with the Governor.

April 11th 1799

Yrs

Mr. Dallas.

J. Ingersoll.

I earnestly request that some measure may be taken to prevent this law being lost to the City. J. I."

An Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the Academy of Medicine of Philadelphia, being presented to the Governor, with a certificate from the Judges of the Supreme Court, and the Attorney of the Commonwealth of the lawfulness thereof, the same was approved and confirmed by the Governor, and agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of the sixth of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, was transmitted to the Master of the Rolls, of the Commonwealth for inrollment, at the expense of the applicants.

Pardons were granted by the Governor to the following named Persons, vizt:—Andrew Conrad, Abraham Tinbrook, Philip Swisser, Isaac Strickler and Conrad Stach, who were severally convicted in the County of Lycoming, in the month of May 1797. of an Assault and were sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, each

to pay a fine, to the use of the Commonwealth, of Six dollars, with costs of suit &c

Thursday, April 4th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Henry Markley and Jacob Hart to be Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of Bedford, the former for the district of Woodberry, and the latter for the district of the township of Belfast.

A Pardon was, this day, granted to Lewis Collins, who stands charged, by the Grand Jury of the County of Philadelphia with being concerned with John Galland and William Martin in counterfeiting Notes of the Bank of Pennsylvania, of the denomination of ten dollars, in compliance with the request of the Attorney General of the State; in order that the said Lewis Collins may be heard as a Witness, on the part of the Commonwealth, on the trial of the said John Galland and William Martin.

A Commission was issued to Daniel Smith as Lieutenant Colonel of the first Regiment of Militia of the City of Philadelphia in the room of Colonel Francis Gurney, promoted—The said Daniel Smith having been duly elected to that Office, and a Return thereof having been previously filed in the Secretary's Office.

The Governor, this day, approved and signed, the following Acts of the General Assembly; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the same to the House in which they respectively originated:

"An Act to erect and alter certain election districts, within this Commonwealth."

"An Act for incorporating the Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church of St John in West Caln in the County of Chester, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act declaring Dunkard Creek in the County of Greene a public highway."

"An Act to repeal part of an Act entitled An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the highways streets lanes and alleys and for regulating making and amending the water courses and common sewers within the inhabited and settled parts of the City of Philadelphia, for raising money to defray the expenses thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act for the relief of Chambersburgh Academy."

"An Act for the relief of Hannah Allman Executrix of Laurance Allman decd"

Friday, April 5th 1799.

The Governor, this day appointed and Commissioned, the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:

Joseph Cadwallader, for the district of the township of Franklin, in the County of Huntingdon.

Henry Alexander and Andrew Swearengen, in and for the County of Washington; the former for the district of the Township of East Bethlehem; and the latter for the district of Chartiers in the said County.

Nathan Scolfield, for the district of the townships of East and West Bradford, East Fallowfield, Newlin, and Pensborough, in the County of Chester.

Maurice Stephens for the district of the Townships of Upper and Lower Merion in the County of Montgomery.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon John Miller, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Chester, upon his being convicted of and Assault and Battery, was this day, remitted by the Governor.

Monday, April 8th 1799.

Elisha Harding was appointed and commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Tunkhannock, in the County of Luzerne, and at the same time Joseph Culbertson was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace of the Township of Letterkenny, in the County of Franklin.

A Bond was this day, executed and filed by Aaron Lysle and Absalom Baird, Esquires, Members of the General Assembly, to indemnify the Commonwealth, against a Certificate of funded debt N840. for five pounds five shillings, in favor of Jesse Rankin agreeably to the Act of the General Assembly in his favor, dated the twenty eighth day of March last:—the said Certificate having as is alledged been destroyed by fire.

Tuesday, April 9th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:

John Kieth for the district of Upper Makefield and Solesbury townships, in the County of Bucks; and William Me-
Meen and William McDonald, in and for the County of Cumberland; the former for the district of the Township of Allen;

and the latter for the district of the Township of Pennsylvania.

A Scheme of the Lottery for the benefit of the Lower Dublin Academy, in the County of Philadelphia was presented to the Governor, by the Managers thereof, and received the approbation of the Governor, as follows, vizt:—

A Scheme of a Lottery to raise 5004 dollars for the benefit of Lower Dublin Academy.

1. Prize of	6000 dollars	is	6000. Dolls
1. Ditto	3000		3000.
1. Ditto	2000		2000
2. Ditto	1000 each, one of which to	}	2000.
	be paid to the last drawn number		
2. Ditto	500		1000.
2. Ditto	200		800.
5. Ditto	100		500.
7. Ditto	50		350.
18. Ditto	20		360.
2331 Ditto	6		13,986.

2372 Prizes	Dolls. 29,996
4628 Blanks	

7000 Tickets at 5 Dollars each	35,000
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Balance in favor of the Institution	5,004 Dolls
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The Commissioners named in the Bill propose themselves as sureties for the due performance of the above.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:—

Henry Diehl or Thiehl convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, in the County of Berks, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the use of the Commonwealth, with costs of prosecution &c The said Diehl having been recommended by all Members of the General Assembly from the said County.

Arthur McCann, convicted in the County of Lancaster of Burglary and Horse-stealing and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery of that County to a servitude at hard for ten years and fined one hundred Dollars, with costs of suit; the said McCann having been recommended, by two Members of Assembly and several respectable Inhabitants of the said County.

Elias Right convicted of an Assault and Battery in the County of Berks, and sentenced to pay to the use of the

Commonwealth, a fine of eight Dollars, with costs of suit &c recommended by four Members of Assembly from said County.

The proceedings of a General Court Martial assembled at Pittsburgh in the County of Allegheny, on the seventeenth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight by order of Major General John Gibson, composed of Officers of the Division of Militia consisting of the Counties of Westmoreland, Washington, Fayette, Allegheny and Greene, for the trial of Brigadier General Henry Taylor, of the first Brigade of Washington County Militia, upon the following charges to wit:—

1st For an unlawful interposition and unofficerlike conduct, in publishing an hand bill, or causing it to be published with a view to prevent Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Stakeley's Regiment attending to muster at Washington the place directed to Muster at by the Commandant.

2nd For disorderly and mutinous conduct in opposing and countermanding the orders of the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the 5th Regiment of the first Brigade of Washington County Militia, and exciting sundry Officers, noncommissioned Officers and privates of the fifth Regiment of Washington County Militia to disorder and mutiny.

3d For unofficer like conduct in issuing orders not in a Military stile and manner and in transmitting them by privates and others not known in the Regiment to sundry Captains and Subalterns of the fifth Regiment aforesaid giving any orders to the Commandant of the Regiment or the Majors of the respective Battalions, composing the said Regiment.

4th For exciting a mutiny in the 5th Regiment and first Brigade of the Washington Militia, and being the head and leader of the said Mutiny, in violation of the Militia law of Pennsylvania, and contrary to the duty of his station as a General, as prescribed by the usage and customs of war.

5th For frequent and general ungentlemanly and unofficerlike conduct—were, this day laid before the Governor, with the following decision of the Court vizt:—

The Court after hearing the Testimony and duly considering the defence of Brigader General Taylor, and the reply of the Judge Advocate, are of opinion, that the four first charges are fully and substantially proved; that the fifth charge is too indefinite to be suseptible of such proof; but as none of the facts charged are comprehended in the rules and regulations contained in the twenty fourth section of the act for the regulation of Militia of the Commonwealth

of Pennsylvania, it is the opinion of the Court the Brigadier General Taylor be acquitted.

Attest
Thomas Collins
Judge Advocate

(signed) Ephraim Douglass
B. Gen. President of
the Court.

Upon full consideration the Governor approved of the said sentence.

Wednesday April 10th 1799.

A Return of Elections and nominations of certain Officers of the Militia in the County of Wayne, was received and commissions issued to the following named Persons, agreeably thereto, as follows, vizt:—

Jesse Drake Captain	} of the second Compy 1 st Regiment.
George Leggit Lieutenant	
Oliver Calken Ensign	
Edward Doyle Captain	} of the 7 th Company 1 st Regiment.
Gilbert Walsworth Lieut	
John Knight Ensign	
Abraham Cole Captain	} of the Rifle company attached to the 2 ^d Battalion 2 ^d Regiment.
Nicholas McCarty Lieut.	
John Ennest Ensign	

Joseph Jackson was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Barree Township, in the County of Huntingdon.

Thursday, April 11th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned William Davidson of the City of Philadelphia an Auctioneer for the express and sole purpose of selling horses cattle and carriages, within the said City of Philadelphia, agreeably to an Act of General Assembly, passed on the 10th instant—and accepted Joseph Kirkbride, Alexander Henry and George Egert as sureties from whom a Bond was taken in due form.

The resignation of Simon Spalding of the Office of Brigadier General of the Militia of the County of Luzerne, was this day received, and accepted by the Governor: and Lord Butler was appointed and commissioned to the said Office in his room.

David Paine and John Herr were appointed and commissioned Justices of the Peace, the former in and for the District of the Townships of Tioga, in the County of Luzerne;

and the latter in and for the District of the Townships of Strasburgh and Lampeter in the County of Lancaster.

This day the Secretary of the Commonwealth, returned the following Acts of the General Assembly, which were approved and signed by the Governor, to the House in which they, respectively originated, vizt:—

“An Act for the re-imburement of monies heretofore advanced by the Receiver General of the Land Office.”

“An [Act] vesting certain powers in certain powers in the Judges of the Supreme Court.”

“An Act declaring Little Schuylkill a public highway.”

“An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the County of Delaware to raise money by toll for the repair and maintenance of the Bridges on the public State Road of said County”

“An Act for the relief of George Walton.”

“An Act to erect certain election districts, in the Counties of Washington, Northampton and Luzerne.”

“An Act to provide for opening a Road from near the Bald Eagle's-Nest in Mifflin County to Le Boeuff, in the County of Allegheny.”

“An Act to authorise the Governor to appoint and Commission an Auctioneer for the express purpose of selling horses cattle and carriages within the City of Philadelphia.”

“An Act for the relief of the widow and heirs of John Jones deceased.”

“An Act to extend the period heretofore allowed for applying for donation lands and to regulate the mode of authenticating claims thereto.”

“An Act to continue for an additional period the Act entitled An Act for instituting a Board of Property, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

“An Act making provision for the opening and improving of a Road over the Penns Valley Mountains in the County of Mifflin, and for opening and improving the State [road] from Turtle Creek to Pittsburgh.”

“An Act to declare Fishing Creek, and one of its branches in the County of Northumberland public highways.”

“A supplement to the Act entitled An Act for the regulation of apprentices.”

“An Act for establishing an Health Office for securing the City and Port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases.”

“An Act to extend for a limited time an Act entitled a further supplement to the act entitled “An Act for making

an artificial road from the City of Philadelphia to the Borough of Lancaster and for other purposes."

"An Act for compleating the education of John Konkapot junior."

"An Act concerning Writs of Partitition."

An Act to supply certain defects in the Acts incorporating the City of Philadelphia and sundry towns and Boroughs within this Commonwealth, and to explain and amend an Act entitled An Act to alter and amend the several Acts of the General Assembly of this Commonwealth incorporating the City of Philadelphia and for other purposes."

"An Act to raise and collect county rates and levies."

"An Act to enable the Governor of this Commonwealth to appoint Commissioners to ascertain the best route for and mode of affecting a communication between the waters of the Delaware and Chesapeak-bay and appropriating a sum of money for opening the navigation of the River Susquehanna down the Maryland line."

"An Act empowering certain Trustees therein named to sell and dispose of a certain tract of land situate partly in Upper and partly in Lower Mount Bethel Townships in the County of Northampton, and to appropriate the monies arising from the sale thereof for the purposes therein mentioned."

"An Act to enable aliens in certain cases to purchase and hold real Estates within this Commonwealth."

"An Act for the benefit of Elizabeth Allen and Elizabeth Margaret Tilghman."

"A Supplement to the Act entitled An Act for opening and establishing a Road between the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the River Juniata and the River Cone-maugh."

"An Act to authorise the Governor to procure on Loan the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to suspend for a limited time the act entitled An Act to provide arms for the use of this Commonwealth, passed the twenty eighth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven further to provide for the settlement of the accounts of the Brigade Inspectors to make certain appropriations and for other purposes."

"A Resolution for the distribution of a certain number of copies of the act entitled An Act to regulate the General elections within this Commonwealth."

"An Act to provide for selling the several reserved tracts of Lands adjoining the towns of Erie, Franklin, Warren and Waterford and for other purposes therein mentioned."

The Bill entitled An Act for establishing an Health Office for securing the City and Port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases being presented to the Governor, for his approbation and signature, some doubts arose with the Governor, as to whether the same is constitutional, or not, the several Officers to execute the same being appointed by the Legislature; whereupon the Governor requested the Opinion of the Attorney General which was received as follows, vizt:—

Dear Sir.

In answer to yours of this morning I answer, that I am of opinion that the first section of the Act, relative to the Health Office as it is expressed is contrary to the Constitution, as the offices of the Health Officer and Quarantine Master are appointed by law, and their compensation fixed by the same law of consequence the appointment of these Officers by the Constitution remains with the Governor.

April 11th 1799

Y^r

Mr Dallas

J. Ingersoll.

I earnestly request that some measures may be taken to prevent this law, being lost to the City.

J. I.

The Governor, this day granted Pardons, to the following named Persons, vizt:—

To James Smith, who was convicted of an Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Mifflin, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of five pounds, with costs &c

John Christ convicted of an Assault and Battery; and sentenced to pay to the use of the Commonwealth, a fine of Fifty dollars with costs &c

Samuel and Sylvanus Carey, who were severally convicted of a Riot, in the County of Luzerne, and were sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County, each to pay a fine of thirteen Dollars and thirty three cents, with costs of suit &c

Mary Shaw, Mary Stark, Hulda Billings, Elizabeth Rose-rans, and Rachel Hazard, who were severally convicted of a Riot and Assault and Battery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Luzerne to pay each a fine of six Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c

The Reports of the Agent of Information on the Contracts of Jeremiah Brown of the County of Lancaster, and of

Nicholas Cooper of the County of York deceased; the former the Contractor for opening and improving a Road from McFalls-ferry, on the River Susquehanna, until it meets or falls in with the Road, to be laid out from Peach Bottom Ferry towards Christianna Creek, dated the first day of October 1792; and the other for opening and improving a Road from York-town to Cooper's Ferry, dated the 29th day of December 1791, this day received the approbation of the Governor, of which approbation, Certificates in due form, were delivered to Jeremiah Brown and to the said Jeremiah Brown, for the legal Representatives of Nicholas Cooper deceased. The Reports were in the following words to wit:

October 26th 1798.

"The Contract of Jeremiah Brown appears to have been completed some time since; although at present the Road in some places is not in very good repair. The Contractor produces vouchers and documents for the expenditure of the money if to the satisfaction of the Governor, he should be discharged from his obligations."

September 28th 1798.

"The Agent viewed this road, and it agrees with the former report so far as to Muddy Creek—since last report a quantity of Stone has been deposited, in the low ground on the side of Muddy Creek, but that the dam which is immediately above, had by a fresh or flood broke, and the owners of the dam, had taken the Stone out of the bottom to mend it: However the Road is taken along the foot of the hill clear of the low ground; to a very good Bridge, which is erected over the Creek, whether by the County or otherwise, he is not able to say, but the Road and Bridge is at present very complete. And altho' the road in some places is out of repair, yet the Agent thinks the Contractors Bonds ought to be cancelled."

The Bill entitled An Act for establishing an Health Office for securing the City and Port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases having been altered and amended in the two Houses of the Legislature so as to remove the objections made by the Governor, the same was presented to him a second time and this day received his approbation and signature; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth returned the said Act to the House of Representatives in which it originated.

In pursuance of the said Act of Assembly, the Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned James Hall to be Resident Physician and Samuel Duffield to be consulting Physician of the Port of Philadelphia, and William Allen to be Health Officer of the Port of Philadelphia.

A Letter was written to Samuel M Fox, Esquire, President of the Bank of Pennsylvania inclosing a Copy of the Act of General Assembly, passed this day, authorizing the Governor to borrow from the Bank of Pennsylvania the sum of one hundred thousand Dollars, on the terms and conditions therein mentioned, and requesting that the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars, may be immediately passed to the State Treasurer, on the terms and conditions of the said Act of Assembly.

Monday, April 15th 1799.

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon Philip Schlough in the County of Northampton, for keeping a Tippling-house; and the several fines, which were also imposed in the said County upon John Brauchman and Abraham McDaniel, being their being severally convicted of Assault and Battery, were, this day, remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday April 17th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons, to the following named Persons, now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, in compliance, with the recommendation of the Inspectors of the Jail of the said City and County of Philadelphia, vizt:—

George Smith convicted of Larceny, upon two Indictments and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Berks, to four years hard labour and fined four pounds four shillings and four pence, with costs of suit &c

Henry McDowell convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour for nine months, and fined three Dollars and thirty three cents, with costs &c

John Knapp convicted of Larceny upon three indictments and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia to undergo a servitude at hard labour for fifteen Months and fined thirty eight dollars with costs of suit &c

Henry Lilly convicted of Burglary in December 1797 and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the City and County of Philadelphia, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of seven years and to forfeit his lands and tenements goods and chattel during his life to the Commonwealth, pay costs &c

Phillis Moade convicted of Larceny in July 1798 and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of nine months and fined four shillings with costs &c

Edward Fitzpatrick convicted, of keeping a disorderly house, in March 1798 and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the City and County of Philadelphia, to pay a fine of one hundred Dollars to the Commonwealth, with costs of suit &c

Noel (a Negro) convicted of Larceny, in April 1798, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court to undergo a servitude at hard labour, for one year and fined eleven Dollars with costs &c

James Morrison convicted of Larceny, in York County in June 1798, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of York, to undergo one years servitude at hard labour, and fined one dollar with costs &c

Ann Butcher convicted of Larceny, upon four Indictments, in the City of Philadelphia, in April 1798, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia, to undergo one year's servitude at hard labour, and fined twenty Dollars and seventy four cents, with costs &c

Henry Holmes convicted of Larceny, upon two Indictments, in April 1797, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for two years, and fined eighty eight Dollars with costs &c

Daniel Harris convicted of Larceny in April 179 and sentenced by the Mayor's Court of the City of Philadelphia to undergo a servitude at hard labour for two years, and fined in the sum of eighty eight Dollars &c

The Governor, this day, granted a Commission to George Duffield as a Justice of the Peace, in and for the Townships of Strasburgh and Lampeter, in the County of Lancaster.

The Sheriff of the County of Bedford having neglected to transmit to the Governor a Return of the election of a Representative in Congress for the district of the Counties of Bedford, Huntingdon Franklin and Somerset—the Prothonotary of that County was this day specially instructed to call

upon the Sheriff for such return and to transmit it to the Secretary's Office forthwith.

Thursday April 18th 1799.

Pardons were this day granted to the following named persons, vizt:—

John Hill convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Dauphin, to eighteen months hard labour, and fined five pounds with costs &c

Jonathan Garrison convicted of Horse Stealing in November 1796, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Berks, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for four years and fined in a sum equal to the Horse stolen, and to pay the costs of prosecution, &c

Saturday, April 20th 1799.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Margaret Barclay, who was convicted, in March last of a misdemeanor and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for eighteen months and to pay the costs of prosecution &c

Monday, April 22^d 1799.

The Governor, this day, accepted the resignation of Cornelius Devore, of his Office of Justice of the Peace, for the district of Londonderry in the County of Bedford.

Friday, April 26th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned John Crosby to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Delaware, in the room of Benjamin Brannon resigned, to take rank according to the date of his Commission.

Thomas Egger of the City of Philadelphia Mariner was at the same time appointed and commissioned to be Quarantine Master of the City and Port of Philadelphia, agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly, passed the 11th instant, entitled "An Act for establishing an Health

Office, for securing the City and Port of Philadelphia from the introduction of pestilential and contagious diseases."

Felix Brunot having signified to the Governor, his wish to go into foreign ports beyond sea, and being desirous of obtaining from the Governor, a certificate of his being a Citizen of the State of Pennsylvania, the same was granted to him by the Governor, under the Seal of the State; he having previously shewn a certificate of his having taken the oath of Allegiance to the State in due time.

Saturday, April 27th 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one Horse, within this Commonwealth was granted to Alexander Benjamin, upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Thursday, May 2nd 1799.

The Governor this day approved and commissioned Absalom Baird Esqr. to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Town of Washington in the County of Washington, in compliance with a respectable recommendation he having first resigned his seat in the Legislature.

Pardons were granted to Edgar Hayes alias Edward Hughes, who was convicted of Forgery, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to two year's servitude at hard labour and fined fifty seven dollars with costs &c—And to Robert Rodgers who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c

Friday, May 3d 1799.

The Governor appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justice of the Peace, vizt:—

Aaron Moreton, for the district of Chester, Ridley Middletown, Lower Providence in the County of Delaware.

John Batten for the district of West Nantmell East Caln, Honey Brook and Brandywine in the County of Chester.

Saturday, May 4th 1799.

A Contract was concluded by the Governor with Morgan John Rhees of the Town of Beula in the County of Somerset, for altering amending and improving part of the Road leading from the navigable waters of the Frankstown branch of the Juniata River, to the Conemaugh, Agreeably to An Act of Assembly passed the 11th day of April last, by which act the sum of eight hundred Dollars was appropriated &c made payable out of the monies, which are and hereafter shall become due from the County of Huntingdon to the Commonwealth, on account of a Loan made to the said County in the year 1794, which sum in aid of private subscriptions the said contractor is to lay out to the best of his judgment and skill and with oeconomy (except so much as shall be allowed him for his services) in amending and opening that part of the aforesaid Road which lies between the western part of the Frankstown settlement and Ligonier valley as the same has been altered by the Courts of Quarter Sessions of the different counties, through which the said Road passes, and keep fair and just accounts of the expenditure and make a settlement thereof as by the said act of Assembly and his Contract he is required and enjoined to do.

Tuesday, May 6th [7th] 1799.

A Pardon was granted to Jacob Hartzell, who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Northampton County to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the Commonwealth, with costs of suit &c

Thursday, May 9th 1799.

The Governor having now received all the returns from the several districts within this Commonwealth, of the thirteen Members elected to Represent this State, in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for the term of two years, from the first day of March last, this day issued the following Proclamation agreeably to the provisions of the Act of General Assembly in such case made and provided, vizt:—

Pennsylvania sst

Tho. Mifflin

[Seal]

In the Name and by the Authority of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By Thomas Mifflin

Governor of the said Commonwealth.

A Proclamation.

Whereas, it is provided in and by an Act of the General Assembly, entitled, "An Act to provide for the election of Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States," that the Governor having received the Return of the election from the Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia, and the respective Sheriffs of the several Counties of this Commonwealth, shall declare, by Proclamation, the name of the person or persons to him returned as duly elected in each respective district: And Whereas, it appears from the returns of the General Election held on the day of October last, in and for the several districts herein-after specified, that the following named Persons were duly elected therein respectively, to serve, in the House of Representatives of the United States, for the term of two years, from and after the fourth day of March last that is to say:—

1. In the district of the City of Philadelphia Robert Waln.
2. In the district of the County of Philadelphia Michael Leib.
3. In the district of the Counties of Chester and Delaware—Richard Thomas:
- 4th In the Districts of the Counties of Berks and Luzerne—Joseph Hiester:—
- 5th In the District of the Counties of Dauphin and Northumberland—John A. Hanna.
6. In the district of the Counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Northampton and Wayne—Robert Brown and Peter Muhlenberg.
7. In the district of the County of Lancaster—John Wilkes Kittera:—
8. In the district of the County of York—Thomas Hartley.
9. In the district of the Counties of Cumberland and Mifflin—Andrew Gregg:—
10. In the district of the Counties of Bedford Somerset Franklin and Huntingdon—Henry Woods:—
11. In the district of the Counties of Westmoreland and Fayette—John Smilie:—
12. In the district of the Counties of Washington Greene and Allegheny:—Albert Gallatin:—

Now therefore, I have issued this Proclamation, hereby publishing and declaring that the said Robert Waln, Michael Leib, Richard Thomas, Joseph Heister, James A Hanna Robert Brown, Peter Muhlenberg, John Wilkes Kittera, Thomas Hartley, Andrew Gregg, Henry Woods, John Smilie

and Albert Gallatin, are duly elected and chosen as Representatives of the People of the Commonwealth to serve in the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, for two years from the said fourth day of March next

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Philadelphia, the ninth day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine, and of the Commonwealth the twenty third.

By the Governor

A. J. Dallas

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Friday, May 10th 1799.

A Return of the election of Borough Officers for the Borough of York, in the County of York, was this day received by which it appeared, that the following Gentlemen were duly elected vizt:—

For Burgesses.

John Edie Esqr who had seventy nine votes.

Jacob Gartner—who had seventy seven ditto

For Assistants.

Jacob Funk, who had seventy five votes

Peter Kurtz, who had seventy two ditto

Jacob Upp who had sixty nine ditto

John Small—who had sixty seven ditto

Jonathan Jessop who had sixty five ditto

John Stroman who had sixty five ditto

For High Constable.

Christopher Stoehr, who had eighty one votes.

For Town Clerk.

John Morris junr who had eighty three votes.

Saturday, May 11th 1799.

A Return of the election of Borough Officers of the Borough of Easton, in the County of Northampton was this day received by which it appeared that the following Gentlemen were duly elected, vizt:—

Daniel Wagoner, Christian Bixler, George William Raup, Peter Nungesser and John Knauss Burgesses:—

Christopher Mixsell—Town Clerk; and Nicholas Traxell High Constable.

Monday, May 13th 1799.

A Return of the election of Borough Officers, for the Borough of Sunberry, in the County of Northumberland, was, this day received, by which it appeared, that the following Gentlemen were, duly elected and returned, vizt:—

Burgesses.

Martin Withington and Nicholas Miller.

Assistant Burgesses.

Daniel Bogert, Dorus Keel, Henry Shaffer and Jacob Rose.

Clerk.

Robert Hunter.

Constable.

John Young.

Wednesday, May 15th 1799.

William Greer was this day appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of Lycoming Loyalsock and Pine Creek, in the County Lycoming.

Agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed the fourth of April 1799, entitled "An Act for raising by way of Lottery a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars for the purpose of completing the Building of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Augustin in the City of Philadelphia" the Managers for conducting the said Lottery laid before the Governor the following Scheme, vizt:—

Scheme.

First Class.

1 Prize of	4000 Dollars	4000 D ^s
1 of	2000	2000
2 of	1000	1000
4 of	500	2000
10 of	200	2000
20 of	100	2000
40 of	50	2000
100 of	20	2000
1500 of	8	12000

1678 Prizes	30,000
3322 Blanks	

5000 Tickets at six Dollars	30,000
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Second Class.

1 Prize of	8000 Dollars	8000 Dollars
1 of	3000	3000
1 of	2000	2000
3 of	1000	3000
6 of	500	3000
15 of	200	3000
30 of	100	3000
100 of	50	5000
200 of	20	4000
1400 of	10	14000
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1757 Prizes		48000
4243 Blanks		
6000 Tickets at 8 Dollars		48000

Prizes to be paid thirty days after drawing is closed to a deduction of 15 p. cent.

The fortunate adventurers in in the first class will have the same numbers reserved for them in the second class for three months after the drawing.

Approved May 15th 1799

Tho. Mifflin.

Thursday May 16th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John McCleary to be a Justice of the Peace of the district of Upper Paxton Township in the County of Dauphin.

Saturday May 18th 1799.

Agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly, passed the 27th of February 1798, entitled, "An Act to enable the Governor of this Commonwealth, to incorporate a company for the purpose of improving the navigation of the River Lehigh," the Managers for conducting the Lottery authorized by the said Act of Assembly, laid before the Governor A Scheme thereof, and the same received the approbation of the Governor, and is as follows, vizt:—

Scheme of a Lottery for raising 10,000 Dollars for the use and benefit of the President and Managers of the Lehigh Navigation Company, in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, passed the 27th day of February 1798.

First Class.

4000 Tickets at 5 Dollars each 20000 Dollars		
1 Prize of	500	500
2 of	200	400
3 of	100	300
4 of	50	200
10 of	40	400
20 of	30	600
40	20	800
50	10	500
80	8	640
3790	4	15160
<hr/> 4000 Prizes		19500
Carried to the 2 ^d Class		500
		<hr/> 20000 Dollars

Second Class.

4000 Tickets at 6 Dollars each		24000 Dollars
Brought from the 1 st Class		500
		<hr/> 24500 Dollars
1 Prize	600	600 Dolls.
2	300	600
3	200	600
4	100	400
5	50	250
20	40	800
40	30	1200
80	20	1600
135	10	1350
290	8	2320
3420	4	13680
<hr/> 4000		23400
Carried to the 3 ^d Class		1100
		<hr/> 24500 Dollars

Third Class.

4000 Tickets at 6 Dollars each		24000 Dollars
Brought over from 2 ^d Class		1100
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		25100
1 Prize	900	900 Dolls.
2	300	600
3	200	600
4	100	400
10	50	500
30	40	1200
60	30	1800
90	20	1800
150	10	1500
300	8	2400
3350	4	13400
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4000 Prizes		25100 Dollars

Three Dollars for each Ticket will only be demanded at the time of sale.

Every person holding a Ticket in the first class, shall have a right to the same number in the second and third classes by applying for the renewal of it 30 days after the drawing of each class is completed.

All prizes shall be paid twenty days after the drawing is finished, upon the demand of the possessor of the Ticket subject to a deduction of fifteen per cent.

Such prizes as are not demanded within twelve months after the drawing of each Class is finished, of which public notice will be given, shall be considered as relinquished for the use of the said President and Managers of the Lehigh Navigation Company and applied accordingly.

This Scheme is respectfully submitted to the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania.

By order of the Board of Managers

Peter Rhoads Prest

April 20th 1799.

Approved May 18th 1799

Tho. Mifflin

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named persons, vizt

Joseph Wyatt convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the

Mayors Court of Philadelphia to two years hard labour and fined six hundred and nine Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c

John Craige convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, in March 1798 to two years servitude at hard labour, and fined thirty five Dollars with costs of suit &c—he is recommended for a Pardon, by the Inspectors of the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia

Marmaduke McMichael convicted of Fornication and Bastardy; and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northampton, in November 1798 to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds with costs &c

John Hill convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County Dauphin, in December 1797 to eighteen months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined five pounds, with costs &c

Daniel Walker and Richard Stone severally convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northampton, in April 1799 to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of one month, and fined each of them in a sum equal to the value of the goods stolen, with costs of suit &c

John Miller convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court held in and for the City of Philadelphia in the Month of December 1797 to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of two years, and to pay a fine of forty six dollars with costs &c

Michael Dayley and Henry Vandemark severally convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Northampton each to be imprisoned two months at hard labour and fined each in a sum equal in value to the goods stolen, with cost of suit.

Tuesday May 21st 1799.

Upon recommendation in favor of Henry V. Ehampion and Charles E. Graylord Esquires, the said Gentlemen were this day appointed and commissioned to be Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Luzerne, the former for the district of the Township of Wyalusing and the latter for the District of the Township of Huntingdon.

The Governor also appointed and commissioned John Ins-

keep, George Fox and William Jones Esquires to be Aldermen of the City of Philadelphia in the room of Isaac Howell and Hilary Baker decd. and Clement Stocker resigned.

The resignation of Matthew McConnell Esqr of the Office of Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Blockley and Kingessing, in the County of Philadelphia, was accepted by the Governor, and William Warner was appointed and commissioned in his room and stead.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar for one year, on foot, within this Commonwealth was this day granted to Jacob Glouss upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, and Bond given according to law.

Friday May 24th 1799.

Upon a respectable recommendation James Hamilton Esquire, was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Meade in the County of Allegheny.

Saturday May 25th 1799.

The Governor granted a Pardon to Philip Dorsey convicted of coining and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer of the City and County of Philadelphia, in February 1799 to undergo an imprisonment at hard labour for five years and fined 200 Dollars with costs of suit &c recommended by sundry Inhabitants of the State of Maryland.

Tuesday May 28th 1799.

A Return of the Election of Borough Officers in the Borough of Harrisburgh, in the County of Dauphin, was this day received, by which it appeared that the following Officers were duly elected, vizt:—

Stacey Potts and Andrew Mitchell Burgesses

Simon Schneider High Constable

John Downey Town Clerk

Peter Bricker, Conrad Fatmestock, John Ebbert and Andrew Krause Assistant Burgesses.

A Return of the election of Borough Officers in the Borough of Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny, was this day re-

ceived, by which it appeared that the following Officers were duly elected, vizt

James Brison Esquire Chief Burgess, and John Park second Burgess.

Upon a Return being made by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Northampton, of the election of eleven Officers to fill vacancies, in the Militia of the said County, having been held according to law Commissions were this day issued to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:—

Fifth Regiment.

Cornelius Depue Captain	} of the 1st Battn 5th Company
Luke Brodhead Lieutenant	
Aaron Depue Ensign	} of the 2d Battn 3d Company
Simon Heller Captain	
Joseph Rinker Lieut.	} of the eighth Company
David Heller Ensign	
John Arnold Captain	} a Volunteer Company called "the Easton Rangers at- tached to the 3d Regiment
Jacob Romage Ensign	
James Ralston Captain	
William Keller first Lieut.	
George Ihrle second Lieut.	

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Clem Terry who was convicted of keeping a Tippling house, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Bucks in May 1797, to pay a fine of ten pounds, to the Commonwealth, with costs &c

Thursday, May 30th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned George Lohra, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Townships of Amity Exeter and Douglass in the County of Berks.

Friday May 31st 1799.

Jacob Cassell was appointed and commissioned, by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the Township of Letterkenny in the county of Franklin, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Upon a Return made by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Delaware of the election of Thomas Smith as 1st Lieutenant of the Second Troop of Light Dragoons of the

Delaware County Brigade, having been held according to law, a commission was issued to him according to law.

Pardons were, this day, granted by the Governor to the following named Persons, vizt:

John York convicted of keeping a disorderly house and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, in December 1798, to pay a fine of one hundred and thirty four Dollars, to the Commonwealth, with costs &c

Edward Fitzpatrick convicted of keeping a Disorderly House, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to pay a fine of one hundred Dollars to the use of the Commonwealth and costs of suit, and find security in in the sum of sixty Dollars for his good behaviour.

Saturday June 1st 1799.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Mary Stydler convicted of Adultery and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster in May 1799 to be imprisoned three months, in the Jail of the County of Lancaster, and fined in the sum of one Dollar with costs &c

The resignation of Andrew Johnston of his office of Justice of the Peace of the Borough of York, was, this day accepted by the Governor; and John Forsyth Esquire of the said Borough was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the said Borough, to fill the said vacancy.

The Governor taking into consideration the Act of General Assembly, passed in the last Session for removing the seat of Government of this State, and that to comply with the said Act it will become necessary, that the Master of the Rolls should remove that Office to the Borough of Lancaster, and considering also that it may be inconvenient and improper that the present officer should hold the two Offices of Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth and Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of Philadelphia, and Mr Irwine having signified to the Governor to hold the Office of Master of the Rolls of the Commonwealth—It was thereupon ordered by the Governor that Matthew Irwin Esquire be re-appointed and commissioned to be Master of the Rolls of this Commonwealth; and he was Commissioned accordingly: Robert Campbell and Thomas Mackie of Philadelphia were then

accepted as sureties and Bond taken from them and the Master of the Rolls in due form.

Matthew Irwin Esquire, resigned the Office of Recorder of deeds for the City and County of Philadelphia, and the said resignation was accepted by the Governor.

Monday, June 3^d 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John Bunting to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County of Wayne, and district of the Township of Canaan.

The fine or fines, which were imposed upon John Cahill, upon being convicted of an Assault and Battery, by the Mayor's Court, held in and for the City of Philadelphia, in January last, were, this day remitted by the Governor.

Upon a Return being made to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of the County of Montgomery of the election of five Officers of the Militia to fill vacancies in the said County, held according to law, Commissions were issued to the following named Gentlemen, vizt:—

Robert Shaw—Captain	} of the Second Troop of Light Dragoons of Montgomery County.
Frederick Beitenman first Lieut.	
Jacob Rawn second Lieut.	
Amos Jones—Cornet	

Henry Roshong Ensign of the Light Infantry Company attached to the second Battalion of the second Regiment.

Thursday June 6th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Edward Fox, Esquire, to be Recorder of deeds in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Matthew Irwin Esquire, on the 1st instant, and accepted W^m Sergeant Esqr and John M. Taylor Merchant both of Philadelphia as sureties, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office, by the said Edward Fox Esquire, and a Bond was taken in due form.

Edward Fox Esquire, resigned his Office of Auctioneer for the City of Philadelphia, and the said resignation was accepted by the Governor.

Saturday June 8th 1799.

The Governor, this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:

George Odenwalt convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, to undergo a servitude at hard labour and fined thirty seven Dollars and sixty seven Cents, with costs &c

James Dalton convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for fifteen months, and fined thirty seven Dollars and sixty seven cents, with costs &c

Monday June 10th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed Thomas Evans a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Townships of Amity, Exeter and Douglas, in the County of Berks.

The Governor, this day granted Pardons to the following named Persons, vizt:

Henry Marshall convicted of Larceny, in the County of Chester and sentenced to pay a fine of fifty seven shillings and seven pence to the Commonwealth, with costs of suit, and suffer one year and nine months imprisonment at hard labour.

Daniel Rudy convicted of a Misdemeanor in the County of Dauphin, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Chester, to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of one year, and to pay a fine of one Dollar with costs &c

John Collins, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Northampton, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment at hard labour, and fined in a sum equal in value to the goods stolen, with costs &c

Peggy Jeffries, who was convicted of Larceny in the County of Philadelphia and sentenced to one year &c six month's imprisonment at hard labour, and fined seventy Dollars with costs &c

Tuesday, June 11th 1799.

Upon a respectable recommendation in favour of Walter Smith, the Governor, this day, appointed and Commissioned him to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Cumberland in the County of York.

The Governor in compliance with respectable recommenda-

tions, this day, granted Pardons to the following named persons vizt:

To Catharine Behler, convicted of a Misdemeanor in concealing the death of her Bastard Child, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the County of York, in June 1799, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for five years and to pay the costs of Prosecution &c

To John Schaffer convicted of Forgery, upon three Indictments, and sentenced by the Mayors Court of the City of Philadelphia, in July AD 1797. to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of six years, and fined in the sum of three thousand Dollars, with Costs &c

Saturday, June 15th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Jacob Hendel Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the District of the Borough of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland.

Monday June 17th 1799.

In compliance with a respectable recommendation the Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned Samuel Israel of the City of Philadelphia to be one of the Auctioneers of the City of Philadelphia in the room of Edward Fox.

A Pardon was granted by the Governr to Moses Gordon, who was convicted of Larceny; and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for the County of Philadelphia, to nine Months servitude at hard labour, and fined in a sum equal in amount to the goods stolen.

Tuesday June 18th 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, within this Commonwealth for one year was granted by the Governor to John Diffenderfer Junior upon recommendation, and Bond given according to Law.

Wednesday, June 19th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons to Daniel Walker and Richard Stone, who were severally convicted of Larceny; in the County of Northampton, and sentenced by the Court of

General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of that County, each to undergo an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of one Month, and fined in a sum equal to the goods stolen, with Costs &c

Thursday, June 20th 1799.

The resignation of Enoch Edwards Esquire, of his Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Philadelphia, was, this day accepted by the Governor. And William Coates Esquire was appointed and Commissioned in the room and stead of the said Enoch Edwards.

Saturday June 22^d 1799.

The resignation of William Armstrong of the Office of Justice of the Peace, for the township of Derry in the County of Mifflin, was this day accepted by the Governor.

Wednesday, June 26th 1799.

The Governor this day granted a Pardon to Richard Harper, who was convicted of counterfeiting Dollars and eighths of a dollar, and for that offence was sentenced by a Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail delivery, held at Philadelphia in December 1797, to five years imprisonment at hard labour and fined twenty dollars with costs &c upon condition that he enter into the service of the United States during the period mentioned in his sentence. He having been recommended for the said Pardon by the Secretary of the Navy of the United States and others.

Friday, June 28th 1799.

A Bond was executed by Thomas Fitzsimons, John Leamy and Edward Carrell Managers for conducting the Lottery, for raising a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, for completing the Roman Catholic Church called St. Augustine in the City of Philadelphia, authorised by an Act of the General Assembly, of the fourth day of April last in the sum of one hundred thousand Dollars conditioned for the due and faithful performance of the duties and trust in them reposed, by the said Act of Assembly was this day presented to the Governor and received his approbation.

Saturday June 29th 1799.

A Letter was written by the Governor to the President of the United States transmitting a copy of a Letter from the Chief Justice of Pennsylvania accompanied with two Letters addressed by Mr. Liston the British Minister to President Russel of Upper Canady of the sixth and twenty third of May A D 1799, which were found in the Chest of one Sweezy an Inhabitant of Upper Canady, formerly of Bucks County.

Monday July 1st 1799.

A Return of the election of Officers of the 1st and 2^d Troops of Light Dragoons attached to the Berks County Brigade of Militia was this day received, and Commissions were made out agreeably thereto as follows vizt:

William Witman Captain	}	of the first Troop of Light Dragoons attached to the Berks County Brigade.
George Douglass 1 st Lieut.		
Richard Lewis 2 ^d Lieut.		
John Kline Cornet		
John Christ Captain	}	of the second Troop of Light Dragoons attached to the Berks County Brigade.
John Heister 1 st Lieut.		
William Adams 2 ^d Lieut.		
John Miller Cornet		

The Surveyor Generals appointment of William Elliott Esquire to be a Deputy Surveyor of District No. 6. East of Allegheny River and Conewango Creek was this day approved by the Governor, and the same was accordingly notified to the Surveyor General—A Bond was then taken in due form from Robert Irwin and John Dunwoody of the City of Philadelphia as sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of the said office by the said William Elliott.

Tuesday July 2^d 1799.

Upon application of Joseph Marie Thomas late of Cape Francois in the Island of St. Domingo, but now of Philadelphia, the Governor granted to him permission to sell Ice Cream in the State House Yard, during the Summer Season, he behaving himself well.

The Governor, this day, granted a Pardon to Daniel Whitney, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Dauphin, to ten years servitude at hard labour.

Wednesday, July 3^d 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, with one horse, for one year, within this Commonwealth was granted to William Murry, upon a recommendation for such Licence, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the County of Dauphin, and Bond given according to Law.

A Contract was this day concluded by the Governor in behalf of the Commonwealth, with Samuel Miles and Roger Alden Esquires of the City of Philadelphia for opening extending and improving the Road leading from near the Bald Eagles nest in Mifflin County to Le Beuff in the County of Allegheny, agreeably to the Act of the General Assembly, passed the tenth day of April 1799, for the sum of five thousand Dollars payable out of the money, arising from the sale of the reserved Lands and Lots at the Towns of Erie, Franklin Warren and Waterford be considered and taken as a full compensation for all their services and expenses in executing the said Contract—For the Contract at length see Contract Book Volume 2nd page. George Fox James Philips and Tench Coxe Esquires were then accepted as sureties for the true and faithful, perfect and diligent performance of the said Contract.

The Surveyor Generals appointment of William P Brady to be a Deputy Surveyor, of all that part of the County of Northumberland, lying within the following bounds, to wit:—beginning at the nine mile tree from the Town of Northumberland, standing on the Northeast branch of the Susquehanna River, and from thence extending by the Western Boundary of William Montgomery's District, to the Line of Lycoming County; thence by the same Southwestwardly to the line of Frederick Evans's district thence by the same Southwestwardly to the Susquehanna River aforesaid, and thence up the western side thereof, and the Northeast branch aforesaid, to the beginning; the same was accordingly notified to the Surveyor General, and a Bond from Thomas Grant, Daniel Smith and John Wallis his sureties, having been first taken in due form.

Friday, July 5th 1799.

The Governor, this day, granted Pardons, to the following named Persons vizt:—

To William Martin convicted of Conspiracy and Forgery,

in the County of Philadelphia, and sentenced to two years imprisonment at hard labour and fined in the sum of two hundred Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c

To Elizabeth Beatty convicted of keeping a Tippling house, in the City of Philadelphia, and sentenced to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c

Monday July 8th 1799.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Peter Wiall for keeping a Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia, was, this day remitted by the Governor.

Tuesday, July 9th 1799.

Tobias Ream who was appointed by the Governor to be Coroner of the County of Somerset on the tenth day of November 1798 having declined to accept that office, this day made his resignation of the said Office, which the Governor accepted;—and thereupon George Swartz Esquire, was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Coroner of the said County of Somerset, he being the next highest candidate on the Return.—Joseph Weigly, Abraham Morrison and Jacob Huber were then accepted as sureties for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office, by the said Coroner.

Friday July 12th 1799.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to William Fitzpatrick, who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayor's Court, to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined five pounds with costs &c

Monday July 15th 1799.

A Return of Elections of Militia Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Chester was presented to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of that County, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons, vizt:—

Joseph Jeffries Captain of the 3d Compv 3d Regiment.	
Stephen Bowen Captain	} of a company of Light Infantry
James Bodley Lieut	
David Jones Captain	} of a Light Infantry Company at-
Isaac Davis Lieut.	
Joseph Filson Ensign	
	} attached to the fourth Regiment.

Saturday, July 20th 1799.

The fine of fifty dollars which was imposed upon Edward Hennin by the Mayor's Court for an Assault and Battery upon two Watchmen belonging to the City of Philadelphia, was, this day, remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a recommendation for that purpose.

Monday, July 22^d 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and Commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace vizt:—

Michael Ohl for the district of the Township of Lynn and Penn in the County of Northampton.

Peter Lusk of the district of the township of Newtown in the County of Cumberland.

Henry Scheetz for the district of the Townships of Springfield, Whitmarsh and Plymouth in the County of Montgomery.

Jonathan Hirst from the district of the Township of Green in the County of Franklin.

Samuel Maus for the district of Point Township including the Town of Northumberland in the County of Northumberland.

Jacob Creaver for the district of the Borough of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland.

Benjamin Depui Junior for the district of Upper and Lower Mount Bethel in the County Northampton.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot for one year, within this Commonwealth, was this day granted to Manus Fury upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County and Bond given according to Law.

The forfeiture of two hundred dollars incurred by Rudolph Pitcher, in the County of Somerset, by reason of the default of John Skelton (for whom the said Skelton became bound by Recognizance) to appear at the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail delivery of the said County to answer to a charge of Burglary, was this day, remitted by the Governor.

Tuesday, July 23^d 1799.

A Pardon was granted to Richard Cochran convicted of Horse Stealing in the County of Fayette and sentenced to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined in the sum of sixty six Dollars with costs &c

The Governor, this day appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:

Andrew Kauffman and George Haines for the County of Lancaster, the former for the District of the Townships of Manor and Conestogoe, and the latter for the district of the Township of Strasburgh and Lampeter.

Robert Dean for the district of the township of Huntingdon in the County of Huntingdon.

Jeremiah Kendall for the district of the township of German in the County of Fayette.

Wednesday July 24th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Jonathan Butler, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the District of the Township of Upper Smithfield in the County of Wayne, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Thursday July 25th 1799.

A Licence to follow the employment of a Hawker and Pedlar, on foot, for one year, within this Commonwealth, from the seventh of June 1799. was granted to John Sproul upon recommendation of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Bond given according to Law.

A Return of the Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Northumberland was presented to the Governor, by the Brigade Inspector of that County, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons vizt:—

First Regiment.

John Erwin Captain	}	of the second Company.
Nenian Erwin Lieut		
Benjamin Miller Captain	}	of the third Company.
John Stephen Lieut.		
Jacob Frantz Ensign		

Third Regiment.

John Murray Captain	}	of the sixth Company.
Thomas Murray Lieut.		
Andrew Norcross Ensign		

Fourth Regiment

Peter Withington Lieut	}	of the first Company.
Timothy Painter Miller Ensign		

Fifth Regiment.

John Salmon Captain of the second Company.

Harman Kline Captain of the third Company.

Jonathan J. Fore Lieut. of Do Do

Anthony Sutton Ensign of Do Do

Sixth Regiment.

Robert Murdock Captain	} of the third Company.
John McMullen Lieut.	
William Alexander Ensign	

Friday July 26th 1799.

A Contract was this day concluded by the Governor in behalf of the Commonwealth with Benjamin W Morris for laying out surveying and opening a Road, not less than twenty feet in width from the Town of Newberry in the County of Lycoming to Morris's Mills from thence by the most direct and best route to the North-east Corner of Strawbridge's Marsh or as near therto as may be, and from thence by the nearest and best route to the one hundred and nine mile stone on the line, dividing this State from the State of New York or as near as may be, for the sum of three thousand Dollars, being the sum appropriated by the said Act to be paid on the completion of the Contract agreeably to the true intent and meaning of the Legislature to be considered and taken as a full compensation for all his expenses and services in executing the same. The Governor then accepted Gideon H. Wells and Thomas Greaves of Philadelphia Merchant as sureties for the faithful performance and execution of this Contract, and a Bond was executed by them in due form in the sum of three thousand Dollars.

Monday July 29th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace, vizt:—
Michael Leib for the district of the Township of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia

John Mears and Daniel Vincent for the County of Northumberland, the former for the district of the Townships of Turbutt and Derry.

The fine which was imposed upon William McDonald for

keeping a Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia, was, remitted by the Governor.

Tuesday, July 30th 1799.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Jacob Waggoner convicted in the County of Bucks of Larceny, and sentenced upon two Indictments &c

John Cummings was this day appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of Penns and Beaver dam, in the County of Northumberland;—but suspended see a Remonstrance.

Wednesday, August 7th 1799.

Upon the return of a Election held according to Law, William Duane was commissioned Captain John Roney Lieutenant and George White Ensign of a Company of Light Infantry attached to the fourth Regiment of Philadelphia City Militia.

Caleb S. Sayre was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Upper Derby and Springfield Tinicum and Derby in the County of Delaware.

The Memorial of Major Joseph Asheton of the County of Allegheny, praying the Governor to grant him a new Patent, for a tract of Donation Land, in lieu of a Patent which he holds in right of Elias Williams, private, which he alledges is defective in every except the number of the Lot—was this day referred by the Governor to the Board of property with the several papers accompanying the same for their consideration and report to the Governor thereon.

Saturday August 10th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned William Hunter a Justice of the Peace for the district of Waynesburgh and Township of Franklin in the County of Greene; and James Anderson in and for the Township of Erie, in the district of Meade and the County of Allegheny.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon John Sproul in the County of Franklin for Fornication and Bastardy, was this day, remitted by the Governor.

Monday, August 12th 1799.

A Pardon was granted to Andrew Ker, convicted of Horse-stealing in the County of Northampton, and sentenced to three years imprisonment at hard labour and fined in a sum equal to the value of the Horse stolen.

Tuesday August 13th 1799.

The report of the Board of Property on the Memorial of Major Joseph Ashton, and the papers accompanying the same, referred for their consideration and opinion, was, this day, received; and referred by the Governor to the Attorney General with a request that he will take the same into consideration and give his opinion, whether any and what step can be taken to rectify the mistake, and to issue a Patent in favour of the Assignee, of Elias Williams for the proper tract.

Thursday August 15th 1799.

The Attorney General's opinion on the report of the Board of Property, in relation to the application of Major Joseph Asheton of the eighth instant, and referred on the thirteenth Instant, was this day, received as follows, viz^t:—

“Dear Sir.

August 13th 1799.

It appears to me, that in the instance of Major Joseph Asheton, the first step to be taken by the Board is to cite the opposite party and then upon hearing to determine whether a mistake has happened such as is suggested.

If the fact is ascertained some method may probably be discovered to rectify the mistake.

Yrs,

Mr. Dallas.

Jared Ingersoll.”

A Pardon was this day granted to Jacob Pritzman and Peter Marks, who were severally convicted of Larceny, in the County of Franklin and sentenced the former, to undergo a servitude at hard labour for one year, and fined four dollars and thirty four cents; and the latter to three months imprisonment, and fined ten dollars with costs of suit &c

A Pardon was granted to John Knapp, who was convicted of Larceny, and thereupon was sentenced by the Mayor's Court to six months imprisonment at hard labour and fined thirty eight dollars with costs of suit &c

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Margaret Mc-

Donald, who was convicted of Larceny; and thereupon was sentenced by the Mayor's Court to be imprisoned one year at hard labour and fined two Dollars, with costs of prosecution &c

A Pardon was granted to Fabien (a Negro) who was convicted of Larceny; and sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labour and fined one thousand five hundred and twenty two Dollars, with costs of suit &c

Monday August 19th 1799.

A Return of an Election of John Steele as Lieutenant Colonel of the second Regiment of the Militia of the County of Lancaster—Captain James Patterson of the second Company in the second Regiment—and Captain Thomas Patterson of the eighth Company of the same Regiment, was, this day, received from the Brigade Inspector, and thereupon Commissions were issued to those Gentlemen accordingly.

Thursday August 22^d 1799.

A Pardon was this day granted by the Governor to Patrick Dougherty, who was convicted of keeping a Tippling-House; and thereupon was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia, to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds with costs &c

A Return of elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Northumberland, was this day presented to the Governor, and by his directions commissions were made out and issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

Eighth Regiment.

Michael Kramer	Captain	of the first Company
Jacob Kryder	Lieut.	of Do. Do.
Henry Boucher	Ensign	of Do. Do.
David Weaver	Captain	of the third Company
Adam Henny	Lieut.	of Do. Do.
Michael Hess	Ensign	of Do. Do.
Michael Weaver	Captain	of the fifth Company
Michael Bolinger	Lieut.	of Do. Do.
George Bright	Ensign	of Do. Do.
Sebastian Musser	Captain	of the sixth Company
George Munich	Lieut	of Do. Do.
Andrew Housman	Ensign	of Do. Do.

John Karn	Captain	of the seventh Company
Archibald Ewing	Lieut.	of Do. Do.
Stophel Emrich	Ensign	of Do. Do.
John Kryder Junior	Captain	of the eighth Compv.
Philip Woolais	Lieutenant	of Do.
Ludwick Shott	Ensign	Do.

Wednesday August 28th 1799.

A Return of Elections of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Chester was this day presented to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of that County, and thereupon Commissions were made out and issued to the Gentlemen named therein as follows, vizt:

Jesse Roberts	Captain	} of a Light Infantry Com-
John Worthington	Lieut.		pany attached to the sec-
William Jenkins	Ensign	} ond Regiment.
Alexander Graham jun.	Lieut	} of the eighth Company in
Eli Seeds	Ensign		} the 3^{d} Regiment.

Thursday August 29th 1799.

A Return of the Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Philada was this day presented to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of the said County, and thereupon Commissions were made out and issued to the Persons therein named vizt:

William S. Fisher	Ensign	of the 4 th Compv	1 st Regiment
John Barras	Captain	of 6 th Compv	Do
Nicholas Armbuster	Ensign	of Do	Do
Daniel Guiry	Captain	of 8 th Compv	3 ^d Regt.
Jacob Shuller	Lieut.	Do	Do
William Mause	Ensign	Do	Do

Michael Frydack Major of the second Battalion third Regiment.

Thomas Elder Esquire was also Commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the 1st Regiment of the Militia of the County of Dauphin upon a return of his election being made according to Law.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Chester upon William Walters for Fornication and Bastardy, was this day, remitted by the Governor.

Saturday September 9th 1799.

A Return of an election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Luzerne was presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons vizt:

Wednesday September 11th 1799.

A Return of the Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Lancaster was this day presented to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of the said County, and thereupon Commissions were made out and issued to the following named Persons, vizt:

Third Regiment.

Jacob Strickler	Lieutenant Colonel
Thomas Barber	Major of the first Battalion
Paul Dewees	Captain of the seventh Company.
Martin Kindrick	Do of the first Company
Jacob Stall	Do of the fifth Company.
John Conrad	Do of the eighth Company
Balzer Shucker	Lieutenant of the seventh Company.
Christian Kilkeffer	Ensign of the Seventh Company

Saturday September 14th 1799.

A Return of the Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the County of Berks was presented to the Governor by the Brigade Inspector of the said County, and thereupon Commissions were made out and issued to the following named Persons vizt:

Barney Adams jun.	Major of	Bat.	Regt.
Christian Madera	Captain	} of a Rifle Company attached to the Regiment.	
Jacob Schneider	Lieut.		
Daniel Kerper	Ensign		

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Henry Hambolt by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of for keeping a Tippling House, was, this day, remitted by the Governor.

Monday September 16th 1799.

Upon a respectable recommendation the Governor this day appointed and Commissioned William Bausman to be a

Justice of the Peace in and for the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster.

Isaac Worrell Esquire was also appointed and Commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of in the County of Philadelphia.

A Pardon was granted to David Schaffer junior who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy in the County of Lancaster and was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds with costs of prosecution &c

Tuesday, September 17th 1799.

An account was presented to the Governor by Samuel Bryan Esquire Register General, for expenses incurred by him in going to Philadelphia, whilst there, and on his return home to Lancaster for the purpose of instituting a prosecution and procuring Testimony to support the same against Colonel Francis Johnston for abuses alledged to have been committed by him as Receiver General of the Land Office of Pennsylvania; and for express hire to Andrew Buchannan and to Joseph Clendinin; and to Joseph Clendinin the second time to Philadelphia and returning on the same business, amounting in the whole to sixty two Dollars and twenty five Cents and the same received the approbation and allowance of the Governor, and was transmitted to the Officers of Accounts for settlement.

Monday September 23^d 1799.

A Return of the Election of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia in the County of Lancaster was presented to the Governor, and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named Persons vizt:—

Jacob Strunk Captain of the fifth Company 1st Regiment.

William Barkby Captain of the fifth Company 2^d Regiment.

James Jackson Lieut. of the fifth Company 2^d Regiment.

Wednesday September 25th 1799.

A Letter was written to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth requesting him to enter a Noli Prosequi in the case of Bertrand Rigal a foreigner now confined in the Jail of the City and County of Philadelphia, upon a charge of

Felony, if he the Attorney General shall think the circumstances of the case will justify such a measure.

Thursday September 26th 1799.

The opinion of the Attorney General, which was requested by the Governor by the Governor on the Instant, with respect to an alteration of the place for holding the General Election of the City of Philadelphia and districts—and the right of State officers and Clerks who reside at Lancaster to vote there, was this day received in the following words, vizt:—

“Sir

“I do not think that the representation from the College is sufficient to authorise the Governor to issue his Warrant to the Sheriff to alter the place of holding the election for the City they only say it is not advisable—they ought to say whether it would be dangerous to the lives of the Citizens.”

“I conceive that the Governor may fix separate places for holding the Election for the City and for the townships of Blockley and Kingsessing.”

“And I conceive that he may fix one place for Blockley and Kingsessing if convenient to both Townships

“State Officers and Clerks who have their residences at Lancaster may vote there as any other Persons, otherwise not.”

Yours

J. Ingersoll.”

Alexander James Dallas Esqr.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Henry Norbeck Junr. who was convicted of Larceny, in the County Lancaster, and sentenced to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the space of three years and fined twelve dollars and forty two Cents, with costs of prosecution &c

The fine of ten pounds, which was imposed upon John McGurk, by the Mayor's Court for an Assault and Battery in the City of Philadelphia, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Friday September 27th 1799.

The fine which was imposed by the Alderman's Court of Philadelphia, upon William Gorman upon being convicted of

having exposed to public sale within the City of Philadelphia, contrary to Law, was this day remitted by the Governor.

Isaac Anderson was this day appointed and Commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Tredriffin, Charleston, East and West Whiteland in the County of Chester;—and William Conner a Justice of the Peace for the district of the Township of Irwin in the County of Allegheny.

Monday September 30th 1799.

Philip Peltz was this day appointed and Commissioned to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia.

Wednesday, October 2^d 1799.

The fine of two hundred and fifty Dollars which was imposed, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia upon Joseph Langcake, upon his being convicted of an Assault and Maim upon the body of Jonathan Carmalt was, this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

William Wray was appointed and commissioned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Bethel in the County of Dauphin.

Thursday October the 3^d 1799.

The Surveyor General's appointment of Samuel Ensminger to be a Deputy Surveyor of the Townships of Manheim, Lancaster, Manor, Conestogoe, Lampeter, Martich Drummor and Little Britain in the County of Lancaster, was, this day approved by the Governor; and a Bond was executed in due form for the due and faithful performance of the duties of the said Office of Deputy Surveyor, by the said Samuel Ensminger according to Law, which was signed by himself and Henry Over and Henry Strickler.

Saturday October 5th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and Commissioned James Naylor Esquire, as Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Township of Meade, in the County of Allegheny;

and David Williamson in and for the district of the Township of Middletown in the County of Cumberland.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Patrick Dougherty for keeping a Tippling House in the County of Philadelphia, was, this day remitted by the Governor.

Monday October 7th 1799.

The Report of the Board of Property in the case of Captain Joseph Asheton, referred by the Governor to the Board on the fifteenth of August last, was this day received vizt:—

Lancaster Aug. 8th 1799.

Sir

Agreeably to instructions received from Your Excellency, thro' James Trimble Esquire Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, of the sixth Instant, we have taken into consideration the Memorial of Major Joseph Asheton and after having carefully examined the several documents relative to his claim, beg leave to Report.

That in a Book called a Book of Drafts remaining in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, it appears that John Lovely drew Lot. No. 182. in district No. 2. that Elias Williams (under whom the memorialist claims) drew Lot No. 183: in the same district, that Patents agreeably to the numbers aforesaid, have been granted to them respectively. But it appears most clearly from all the Records relative to the business, that the numbers have been erased and transposed so as to give what was originally Lot. No. 183. to the person who was entitled to Lot No. 183. et vice versa.

We have the honor to be with perfect respect

His Excellency	Your Excellency's Most Obedient Humble
Governor Mifflin	Servant
	Daniel Brodhead.
	Jno. Hall.

Philadelphia Aug. 10th 1799. Before I left Lancaster I considered Major Asheton's claim under (Elias Williams) to Lot No 183. and I was then and am still of opinion, that the said Lot. No. 183. ought to have been laid on the ground which was patented to the owner of Lot. No. 182.

Francis Johnston.

"Special Meeting of the Board.

Lancaster Aug. 19th 1799.

“Present. Daniel Brodhead S. G.	} of the Land Office.
John Hall Secy.	
Francis Johnston R. G.	

“The opinion of the Attorney General, on the claim of Major Joseph Ashton for a new Patent for a Donation Tract of Land, vizt Lot No 183. in the 2^d District to correct errors, being referred by the Governor to the Board of Property, Ordered, that at least five weeks notice be given in the Pittsburgh and Lancaster papers to a certain John Lovely, or, any person or persons claiming under him (who it is alledged hath improperly obtained a Patent for the Land in question under No. 182. to shew cause if any he or they have why a new Patent should not issue to said Ashton and the first Monday in October next is appointed for a hearing of the said Parties.

Jno Hall

Sec. L. Off.

At a meeting of the Board of Property

Monday Oct. 7th 1799.

Present. Daniel Brodhead S. G.
 Matthew Irwin Master of Rolls
 Francis Johnston R. G.

It having been proved to the satisfaction of the Board, that notice was given to a certain John Lovely, and all others claiming under him (pursuant to a former minute of the Board of the 19th August last) to appear and shew cause why a new Patent should not issue to Major Joseph Ashton for a certain tract of Donation Land No. 183. and the said Lovely, or assignee, not appearing, therefore ordered that a new Patent shall issue accordingly to the said Ashton for the Land in question.

Jno. Hall Sec. L. Off.”

Upon the requisition of Governor Jay of the State of New York, a warrant, was this day, issued signed by the Governor of this State under the Great Seal for delivering up to Governor Jays Agent a certain James D Harrison a fugitive from the Justice of that State charged with conspiracy to cheat and defraud sundry persons in the City of New York.

 Wednesday October 9th 1799.

A Letter was written to His Excellency Benjamin Ogle Esquire, Governor of the State of Maryland inclosing the

record of the conviction of Elijah Crane Pardy for forgery, committed in the County of Lancaster in this Commonwealth, and an Affidavit taken before John Joseph Henry Esquire President of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County and that he is now confined in the Jail of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland requesting that the said Elijah Crane Pardy may be delivered up, in order that he may be brought into this State, to undergo the punishment to which he has been sentenced for the said offence.

Thursday October 10th 1799.

A Return of an Election of Militia Officers in the Northumberland County Brigade was received and thereupon Commissions were issued to the following named persons, vizt:—

Saturday October 12th 1799.

A Pardon was, this day, granted to James Steel, who was convicted of Horse stealing in the County of Chester, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions, in August 1798, to seven years imprisonment at hard labour, and fined one hundred and sixty Dollars, payable to the use of the Commonwealth, &c

Monday October 14th 1799.

The Governor took into consideration the case of Sarah Clark, who was convicted of murder of the first degree, in the County of Cumberland, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery of the said County to be hanged by the neck until she is dead: Whereupon it was ordered, by the Governor that execution of the sentence of the said Court be made and done upon the said Sarah Clarke, on Wednesday the 30th day of October 1799. between the hours of ten and two O'Clock of the same day.

Tuesday October 15th 1799.

A certificate of the election of Robert Wharton Esquire as Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the select and common Council of the said City was presented to the Governor, and Mr. Wharton appearing before the Governor, the affirmations were administered to him in the usual form,

The Return of the General Election of Sheriffs held in the County of Northampton was, this day received, and Nicholas Kern was thereupon appointed and Commissioned Sheriff of the said County of Northampton, and Robert Brown and Abraham Levan Esquires were approved and accepted by the Governor as sureties.

Wednesday, October 16th 1799.

The Governor, this day, appointed and commissioned David Morgan a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Caernarvon, Robeson, and Union in the County of Berks.

The fine of three pounds, which was imposed upon Godfrey Fornwalt, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Berks in August last, for an Assault and Battery, upon the person of James Hubley, was, this day remitted by the Governor, in compliance with a respectable recommendation.

Friday, October 18th 1799.

The Return of the General election, lately held for Sheriff and coroners in and for the County of Berks, was, this day, received, and thereupon Nicholas Dick was appointed and commissioned Sheriff and Peter Aurandt Coroner of the said County. The Governor then approved and accepted John Strohecker and Daniel Lienbach, and John Gerber as sureties for the Sheriff, and Peter Nagle and Peter Filbert as sureties for the Coroner.

Saturday, October 19th 1799.

Upon a return of an Election held according to Law Elisha Matthewson was commissioned a Major of the 2^d Battalion in the First Regiment of the Militia of the County

Monday October 21st 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John DeLancy to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the Borough of Carlisle in the County of Cumberland.

A Return of Elections held according to Law, of Officers to fill vacancies in the Militia of the first Brigade of Washington County, being this day made to the Governor, com-

missions were accordingly made out and issued to the following named persons viz

Wednesday October 23rd 1799.

The resignation of Joseph Fry of his Office of keeper of the State house yard, and premises thereunto belonging was this day accepted by the Governor; and thereupon Charles Culnan was appointed and commissioned to the said Office.

Friday October 25th 1799.

Upon an Election held in Dauphin County to fill vacancies in the Militia of that County Commissions were issued to the following named Gentlemen vizt

Saturday October 26th 1799.

The Return of the General Election of Sheriffs lately held in the County of Fayette being presented to the Governor; Abraham Stewart who had the highest number of votes for that Office, was this day appointed and commissioned Sheriff of the said County of Fayette, and at the same time the Governor accepted and approved of Ephraim Douglass and Albert Gallatin Esquires as sureties for his faithful performance of the duties of that Office according to Law.

Monday October 28th 1799.

The several fines which were imposed by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Montgomery upon Peter Neuchatel and R. Genet upon being severally convicted of an assault; were this day remitted by the Governor.

Tuesday October 29th 1799.

The Return of an Election of Sheriffs lately held in Franklin County was received, and being considered by the Governor, it was ordered that John Hetick be appointed and commissioned Sheriff of the said County of Franklin, he having had the highest number of votes for that Office, and George Hetick and John Immell of said County were accepted

and approved as sureties for his performance of that Office according to law.

The Governor appointed and commissioned James Strain a Justice of the peace in and for the district of the Township of Lurgan in the County of Franklin.

Thursday October 31st 1799.

A Return of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners in the County of Greene being presented to the Governor Robert Cather who had the highest number of votes, was appointed and commissioned to be Sheriff of the County of Greene, and James Cook and William Ingraham of the said County were approved and, accepted by the Governor as his sureties.

John Christ was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace, in and for the Borough of Reading in the County of Berks.

Friday November 1st 1799.

The Governor this day, appointed and commissioned William Slemmons a Justice of the Peace, in and for the district of the Township of Hopewell in the County of Washington.

Saturday November 2nd 1799.

The Return of the General Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, in and for the County of Washington, was presented to the Governor, and on consideration Absalom Baird Esquire, was appointed and commissioned Sheriff, and William Slemmons Coroner of the said County of Washington, those Gentlemen having had the highest number of votes for the said Offices respectively. The Governor then accepted and approved of William Campbell John Hamilton Aaron Lyle, Benjamin Parkinson, James Miller, John Campbell John Lyle, Arthur Chamberlain, and James Shearer as sureties for the Sheriff; and Joseph Huston and John Clarke, as sureties for the said Coroner, for the faithful performance of the duties of the said Offices according to Law.

The fine of Two hundred Dollars which was imposed upon John McGill by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Washington upon his being convicted

of a Misdemeanor at the said Court was this day remitted by the Governor.

Monday November 4th 1799.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Joseph Ennis in the County of Delaware, by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of that County upon being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy was this day remitted by the Governor.

Wednesday November 6th 1799.

The Governor this day granted a pardon to Neal MaGinly who was convicted in the County of Delaware, of a Riot and Assault and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of said County, to pay a fine of fifteen dollars with costs of suit &c

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Joseph Innis by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the County of Delaware in October Sessions 1799 upon being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy in the said County, was also this day remitted by the Governor.

Friday November 8th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned John Miller to be a Justice of the peace in and for the district of the Town and Township of Huntingdon in the County of Huntingdon.

Tuesday November 12th 1799.

The Return of the General Election of Coroners lately held in the County of Mifflin, being presented to the Governor, it was Ordered by him, that Edward Williams be appointed and commissioned Coroner of the said County, he having had the highest number of votes, for the said Office. The Governor then approved and accepted Brice Smith, and Robert Steel as his sureties.

Monday November 18th 1799.

A pardon was granted to Anne Colhoon by the Governor, the said Anne Colhoon having been convicted of keeping a

Tippling house in the City of Philadelphia and sentenced by the Mayors Court to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds, with costs of suit &c

Wednesday November 27th 1799.

The fine of ten Dollars which was imposed upon Peter Rink by the Mayors Court of Philadelphia upon being convicted of an Assault and Battery was this day remitted by the Governor.

Monday December 2nd 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Cyrus Jacobs and John Houston Esquires to be Justices of the peace in and for the County of Lancaster, the former for the district of the Township of Earl, and the latter for the district of the Townships of Caernavon and Brecknock in the said County.

Tuesday December 3rd 1799.

An Account of John McKissick for his expences in twice going to Philadelphia and returning, as a Witness against the Receiver General of the Land Office in the prosecution against him by the Register General amounting to 26 Dollars was presented to the Governor, and received his approbation.

The Governor this day accepted the Resignations of the following Gentlemen vizt—of William Witman of the Office of Justice of the Peace, for the district of the Townships of Amity, Exeter, and Douglass, in the County of Berks. Of James Wilson of the same Office in the district of Salisbury in the County of Northampton, and George Fox of the Office of Alderman of the City of Philadelphia.

The following named Gentlemen were this day appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Justices of the peace viz Isaac Haines and Enoch Yarnell for the district of the Townships of Willistown, Eastown, and Goshen. William Davis for the district of Townships of Tredriffin, Charles-town, East and West Whiteland. Reese John for the districts of the Townships of Vincent, Pikeland and Coventry, and James McClelland for the district of the Townships of West fallowfield, Sadbury, and West Caln, all in and for the County of Chester.

Adam Reigart for the district of the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster.

John Clement Stocker to be an Alderman in and for the City of Philadelphia in the room of George Fox resigned.

John Smith to be a Justice of the peace for the district of the Townships of Caernarvon Robinson and Union in the County of Berks.

Joshua Comly for the district of the Townships of Bristol, Oxford, Lower Dublin, Biberry, and Mooreland in the County of Philadelphia.

Samuel Rex and George Buehler in and for the County of Dauphin the former for the district of the Township of Heidelberg, and the latter for the district of the Town and Township of Lebanon in the said County.

Samuel Weakly for the district of the Townships of Dickenson and West Pennsborough in the County of Cumberland.

John Bull for the district of the Townships of Dover and Paradise in the County of York.

Wednesday December 4th 1799.

The Return of the General Election of Coroners in the County of York was received, and George Hay who had the highest number of votes, was appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be Coroner of the County of York, and John Hay and John Forsyth were accepted as sureties for the said George Hays faithful discharge of the said Office according to Law.

A pardon was granted by the Governor to William Pinkerton, who was convicted of Larceny upon two indictments, and sentenced by the Mayors Court of Philadelphia to undergo a servitude at hard labour for the term of four years, and fined in the Sum of Sixty eight pounds, five shillings for the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c The pardon granted on condition of his leaving the State, not to return.

The fine of ten pounds which was imposed upon Henry Hastings by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Lancaster at August Sessions 1799 upon his being convicted of Fornication and Bastardy was this day remitted by the Governor.

Friday December 6th 1799.

The Governor this day granted a pardon to James Stoops

who was convicted of Homicide in the County of Allegheny and sentenced by the court of Oyer and Terminer and Goal delivery held in and for the County of Allegheny in March 1799. to a servitude at hard labour for five Years, and to pay costs of prosecution &c

Monday December 9th 1799.

Upon the resignation of John Hall of the Office of Secretary of the Land Office, (which was this day accepted) the Governor this day appointed and commissioned Nathaniel Luffborough to fill the said vacancy, and thereupon a bond was executed by the said Nathaniel Luffborough and his sureties Adam Reigart, William Buckley and all of the County of Lancaster, in due form, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the said Office according to Law.

In compliance with a respectable recommendation, the Governor this day appointed and commissioned John Creigh to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common pleas, in and for the County of Cumberland (in the room of John Jordan deceased,) to take rank according to the date of his Commission.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned the following Gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace vizt:—

John Blackley Jones for the district of the Townships of Warrington and Managhan in the County of York.

John Buchanan for the district of the Township of Hope-well in the County of Washington.

Henry Haller for the district of the Townships of
in the County of Berks.

Jacob Kummerer Junr for the district of the Townships of Albany, Windsor and Greenwich in the said County of Berks.

Joshua Jones and Enoch Edwards for the district of the Townships of Lower Dublin, Biberry, Oxford Bristol, and Mooreland in the County of Philadelphia.

The resignation of William Robinson Junr of the Office of Associate Judge of the Court of Common pleas of the County of Philadelphia, was this day received and accepted by the Governor.

*The resignation of Benjamin Davis of his Office of Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Lower Chichester, Upper Chichester and Bethel—in the

County of Delaware, was received and accepted by the Governor.

*Mistake appointed this day.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named persons,—viz—To John Lash who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Berks to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c

To Nathaniel Rain who was convicted of an Assault and Battery and sentenced by the Mayors Court of Philadelphia in July 1798 and fined in the sum of thirty dollars with costs of suit &c

To Jacob Rhoads who was convicted of a riot in the County of Berks and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said County in November 1799 to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of twenty dollars with costs of suit &c

To Frederick Prince who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy in the said County and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace at November Sessⁿ last, to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c

To Christopher Slearhort who was convicted of an Assault and Battery and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Philadelphia to pay a fine of Forty dollars to the use of the Commonwealth with Costs of suit &c

To George Stiteler who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the County of Chester to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of ten pounds with costs of prosecution &c

To Benjamin York who was convicted of Fornication and Bastardy, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the County of Berks, to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, with costs of suits &c

Tuesday December 10th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Edward Heston, to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Common pleas, in and for the County of Philadelphia in the room

of William Robinson Junr who has resigned that Office; to take rank according to the date of his Commission.

The following named Gentlemen, were appointed and commissioned by the Governor, as Justices of the Peace, vizt:—Hugh Alexander, for the district of Pitt; John McFarland for the district of the Townships of Meade and Erie; William Culbertson for the district of the Township of Irwin, and Joseph Caldwell for the district of Moon, all in the County of Allegheny.

Patterson Bell for the district of the Townships of Bart and Coleraine in the County of Lancaster.

The Governor this day granted Pardons to the following named persons upon recommendation vizt

To Andrew Irwin who was convicted of Assault and Battery and Wounding, and thereupon sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Lancaster to an imprisonment for one month, and to pay a fine of six dollars to the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c

To Joan Holland who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayors Court to be imprisoned for two years, and pay a fine of four Dollars to the use of the Commonwealth with costs of suit &c

To John Luwee who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Philadelphia County in March 1799 to six Months imprisonment at hard labour, pay a fine of twenty dollars to the use of the Commonwealth, with costs of suit &c

To Thomas Thompson who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the County of Philadelphia in March 1799 to six Months servitude at hard labour, and fined twelve dollars with costs of suit &c

To Thomas Martin who was sentenced by the Court of General Quarter sessions of the peace of the County of Cumberland to twelve months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined six dollars with costs of suit &c

To Rebecca Williams who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia to six months servitude at hard labour, and fined twenty six dollars with costs of suit &c

To Nancy Stewart who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of the County of Philadelphia in March 1799 to nine Months

imprisonment at hard labour and fined 20 Dollars with costs of suit &c

To Peter Jordan who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Philadelphia in March 1797 to an imprisonment for three years at hard labour, and fined one hundred & sixty dollars with costs of suit &c

To Mary Flood who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayors Court to an imprisonment at hard labour for nine Months, and fined fifteen shillings and six pence with costs of suit &c

To Phoebe Cromwell who was convicted of concealing the death of her bastard Child, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail delivery held in and for the County of Washington in January 1797 to an imprisonment at hard labour for the space of five years, and pay costs of prosecution &c

To John Bell who was convicted of feloniously stealing the property of Jacob Zimmerman, and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer and Jail Delivery of Dauphin County in June 1798. to an imprisonment at hard labour at three years, and fined twenty dollars with costs of suit &c

To William Dye who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and Jail Delivery of the County of York, in March 1798, to an imprisonment at hard labour, for three years, and fined sixteen Dollars with costs of suit &c

To John Snelling who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced by the Mayors Court of Philadelphia in December 1798. to an imprisonment at hard labour for one year and fined in the sum of six dollars with costs of suit &c

To John Bentley who was convicted of Horse stealing, and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Philadelphia in September 1796 to an imprisonment at hard labour for five years, and to pay to the use of the Commonwealth a fine of Fifty pounds with costs of suit &c

To Isaac Cohen who was convicted of Larceny, and sentenced by the Mayors Court of Philadelphia in April 1799 to an imprisonment at hard labour for two years, and fined twenty five Shillings with costs of suit &c

Wednesday Decemr 11th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned the following named Gentlemen to be Justices of the peace, viz

Samuel Houston for the district of Sadisbury and Salsbury, and Joseph Wright for the district of Manor and Conostogoe both in and for the County of Lancaster.

John Morrow for the district of Hamilton's Bann in the County of York.

Matthew Allison for the district of the Townships of Bald Eagle and Nippenose in the County of Lycoming.

Friday December 13th 1799.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to John Sked who was convicted of Larceny, in the County of Philadelphia and sentenced by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the peace of that County in December 1799 to an imprisonment at hard labour for four months, and to pay a fine of twelve dollars with costs of suit &c

Saturday December 14th 1799.

The Governor this day appointed and commissioned Thomas Livezy, and George Pearce to be Justices of the peace in and for the County of Montgomery, the former for the district of the Townships of Upper Dublin, Horsham and Moorland and the latter for the district of the Townships of Plymouth Whitemarsh and Springfield.

In compliance with a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth dated yesterday, and this day received; the Secretary of the Commonwealth transmitted to the Speaker of the said House for the information of the Members thereof a copy of the duplicate return of the late General Election for Governor in the County of Chester.

A Pardon was granted by the Governor to Moses Steward who was convicted of keeping a Tippling house and sentenced by the Mayors Court to pay a fine of ten pounds to the use of the Commonwealth, with costs of suit &c

A Pardon was also granted to Francis Lang who was convicted of Larceny and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment at hard labour, and fined by the Mayors Court of Philadelphia in the sum of eight dollars and fifty cents with costs of suit &c

Monday December 16th 1799.

John Cummings was this day appointed and commissioned by the Governor to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the district of the Townships of Penn and Beaver Dam in the County of Northumberland.

